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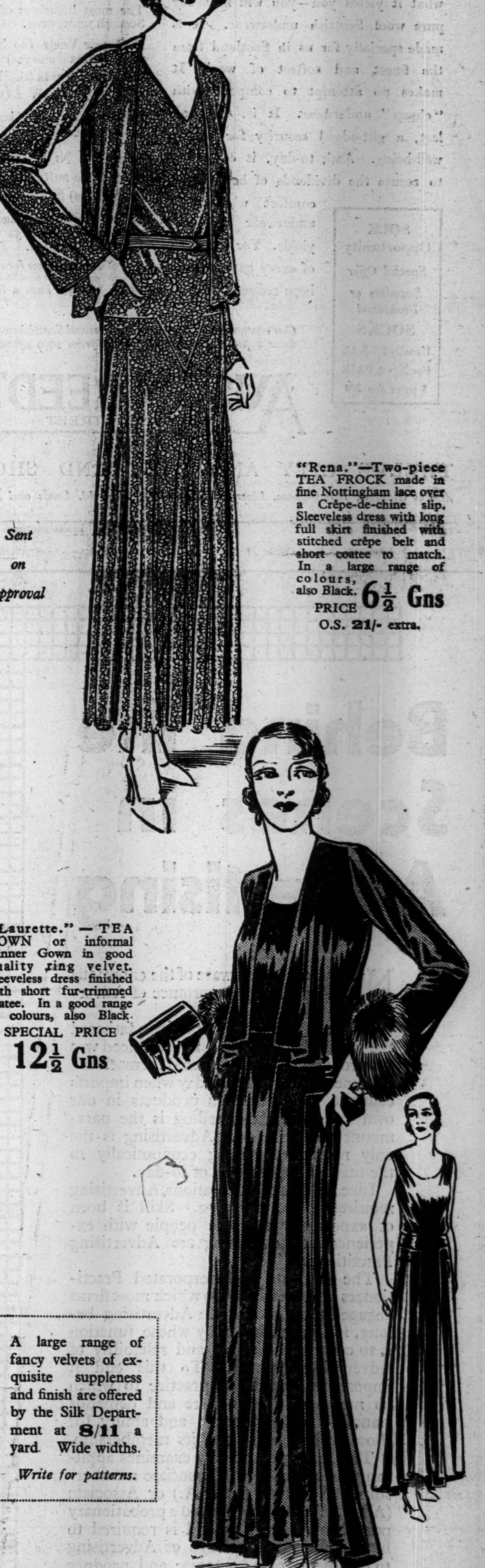

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CITY CHATTER.

PARIS INTERVENES—SHORTAGE OF STOCK—BREWERY SHARES—KAFFIRS AND PARIS—OIL CONDITIONS—RUBBER PRODUCTION.

(R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.)

Superficially, at least, a great change has come over the Stock Markets in consequence of the bank failures and financial troubles in France. These have provided a reason, or perhaps merely an excuse, for resuming purchases of gold in London. Why France should want to add to her huge stock of the precious metal is a mystery that the City has not yet been able to solve. Whatever the reason for the French demand, it checked optimism on the subject of Bank rate and caused a very rapid fall for a time in the prices of long-dated British Funds. When War Loan 5 per Cent. dropped to 102⅛ on sales by holders who were afraid of early conversion shrewd people realised that this stock was relatively too cheap, and there were heavy purchases around that figure. Even at 102½, equal to par and a full half-year's interest, the holder would suffer little, if any, loss in the event of redemption.

Huge over-subscription attended the South African loan, and although the underwriters of the Central Argentine 5 per Cent. Debenture issue were left with 34 per cent., dealings started at a premium. In view of the growing scarcity of gilt-edged stocks, investors are becoming more venturesome, and are beginning to be attracted by Home Railway Prior Charges, and even by the Ordinary stocks, despite the poor traffics and the uncompromising attitude of labour.

In the Foreign market, also, there has been more investment buying than for a long time past. German loans were favoured at the lower levels, for which the Hitler affair was mainly responsible, and the recovery in Brazilian and San Paulo bonds made further substantial progress, owing to the belief that with the appointment of Dr. Vargas as provisional President the country will recuperate rapidly. Peruvian Corporations also are claiming more attention as the dividend draws near, though the market hardly dares to hope for more than 3 per cent. on the Preference.

SHORTAGE OF STOCK.

Brokers in receipt of orders for high-class Industrial Debentures are complaining of the difficulty of satisfying their clients' requirements. As examples of the stocks in demand but virtually unobtainable owing to the reluctance of present owners to part with their holdings may be mentioned the exceptionally well-secured Debentures of such companies as English Sewing Cotton, Cunard, Bass, Tate and Lyle, and Vickers. It is evident that buyers are plentiful for the highest class of industrial investments offering the dual attractions of security as to interest and freedom from the risk of capital depreciation at a time when the tendency of interest rates for long-term investments is steadily if not uninterruptedly downward.

Holders of the safety-first type of security are clearly adopting a policy of sitting tight, and their attitude is all the more significant in view of the extensive opportunities they have had of investing in the various new high-class stocks offered of late for public subscription. Naturally, the demand for the best kind of industrial debentures has been stimulated by the failure of all but a small proportion of applicants for recent popular new issues to obtain allotments. There is obviously a large amount of capital seeking safe employment either in gilt-edged stocks yielding approximately 4¾ per cent. to 5 per cent., and that the demand for such securities should have extended to the debentures of the highest type of trading and manufacturing companies at least suggests a certain amount of confidence in the ability of such undertakings to maintain their earnings even under adverse conditions.

At the moment speculative investments are out of favour, though it need not be doubted that their popularity will return when there are definite indications that trade is everywhere recovering. Till then the fixed interest security should remain in fashion. That is all for the good of the body financial, as distinct from the body politic, since by utilising their money in the best securities investors will escape those heavy capital losses which are so largely responsible for the present financial depression.

INDUSTRIAL PROFITS.

In these varied markets there is always something to claim attention by way of a special feature. If it is necessary to generalise emphasis may be laid upon the persistent demand for high-class Debentures and Preference shares to the neglect of more speculative things. Insurance shares, Banks and Electric Lighting shares coming within the semi-gilt-edged category, are keenly sought after by investors.

A demand sprang up for Cables and Wireless issues, and as there was little stock to be had prices rose rapidly. Subsequently it transpired that the movement was based on nothing more definite than a thinning out of the board of directors and vague hopes of trade improvement, so that the recovery did not make much progress. It has been known all along that the dividend on the 5½ per cent. Preference was in no real jeopardy, and even at 74 this stock, with its yield of over 7 per cent., is not dear. But the outlook is not improved by the Post Office deal with the American Telephone Company.

Any disappointment that may have been caused by the postponement of the Turner and Newall meeting until January 30 should be more than offset by the directors' statement that progress and profits have been maintained. This supports the view taken here that the year's dividend will again be 17½ per cent.

The Amalgamated Press is maintaining its interim dividend on the Ordinary at 7 per cent. actual, and the shares hardened to 20s. 9d. on the announcement.

Philips Incandescent Lamps, which changed hands up to 3½ after their introduction in May, are now under 2. This is due to the estimate of a lower dividend and the issue of Debentures to an amount equivalent to £2,500,000.

Singer and Co. are now ex the dividend which was paid in Preference shares instead of cash, and the price of 18s. compares with the 35s. which the directors in August estimated to be the value of the assets. While "break-up" values are apt to be misleading, it would seem that public neglect has caused these shares to fall too far.

Thorneycrofts, in the Engineering group, fell to 2 on the reduction of the year's dividend from 17½ per cent. to 13 per cent. The set-back to the company's fortunes seems likely to be only temporary, in view of the great and growing demand for commercial lorries of the kind the company constructs. The decision of the directors of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, to pay no interim dividend was accompanied by the explanation that it is due to the menacing industrial outlook at home and abroad.

Marconi Marines were bought on the appointment of a director representing two groups of shipowners. Waring and Gillow, in the Stores section, experienced a substantial recovery, the constitution of the new Board inspiring confidence.

BREWERY SHARES.

Renewed strength of Brewery shares was one of the features of last week's markets. The result of the American elections is, to say the least, a somewhat far-fetched excuse for this activity. English breweries would have little to gain by the abolition of Prohibition in the United States, and in any case the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is still so distant a prospect that no possible advantage could accrue for some years to come. If the American liquor laws were altered it is probably the distillers and the wine growers, rather than the brewers, who would reap the benefit.

There are much more solid grounds for the strength recently displayed by Brewery shares generally and by the leading favourites in particular. The brewery industry, it is a matter of common knowledge, is flourishing, as report after report sufficiently testifies. Indeed, it might be said that brewing is one of the very few branches of manufacture to escape the worst consequences of industrial depression. A recognition of that fact by investors is, in the circumstances, hardly surprising.

Many of the principal breweries owe their present success to a systematic application of the principles of rationalisation. Consolidations all over the country have resulted in considerable economies, and breweries previously independent have appreciably increased their profits by joining forces with concerns with which there was keen competition. Another lucrative development has been the considerable increase in the consumption of bottled beer, and companies which have specialised in this branch of the trade have been conspicuously successful.

In the London and outer London areas brewer-owners of licensed houses have largely increased their trade owing to the rapid increase in population in new residential areas, so that properties which formerly yielded only a comparatively insignificant return are now a source of substantial profit. At the same time concerns which carry on a country-wide business are reaping the advantages of widespread publicity. Even Guinness's, judging by its increased output, are discovering after years of aloofness that it pays to advertise.

Present prices of Brewery shares generally, while below the best of the present year, are considerably above the lowest, so that in view of the promising prospects of the industry there is room for further appreciation. There is always, of course, the bogey of still heavier taxation, but the rashest Chancellor of the Exchequer would hesitate to put up the price of the national beverage especially with an appeal to the electorate in prospect. Besides, to impose further burdens on the industry would be financially unsound and might easily result in killing the goose that lays the golden eggs to the extent of many millions a year.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

City of London Real Property shares at 17s. 6d. compare with a highest this year of 19s. 10½d. and yield 6¼ per cent. on the 5½ per cent. dividend which has been maintained in each year since the capital was doubled in 1924. An interim dividend of 2½ per cent. was paid in February, and there is no reason to suppose that this rate will not be maintained. The company is old-established, and has a steady profit-earning record.

Fletcher and Cartwright's, the Cape Town stores, replaced their 7½ per Cent. Debentures last year by 6 per Cent. Debentures, but the saving thus effected in interest has been more than swallowed up by larger rates and taxes. Nevertheless, the dividend is maintained at 9 per cent. and the shares at 21s. 3d. yield more than 8½ per cent. They are a good Overseas investment.

Leeds Fireclay Preferences have been previously recommended, and it is satisfactory to find that the past year's results have fulfilled expectations. Gross and net profits have increased, and the Preference shares again receive 12½ per cent. At 27s. they are still very moderately valued when it is remembered the new shares were issued as "rights" to holders at 45s. in May, 1929. The current yield of 9¼ per cent. is attractive.

T.S. Motors (formerly Tilling-Stevens) 8s. shares stand at 7s. 9d. compared with a highest of over 15s. this year and a highest of 18s. 4½d. in 1929. It is evident that the market does not look for a repetition of the 15 per cent. dividend paid for the previous year, but even a 7½ per cent. rate would justify the present price. To pay this would require only £9,321, whereas profits for 1929 amounted to £82,008, and after providing for the 15 per cent. dividend and placing £38,500 to various reserves, £19,211 was carried forward.

A well-secured Industrial Preference share is Proprietors of Hays Wharf 6 per Cent. Preference quoted at 22s. 6d. and yielding 5¼ per cent. Profits for the year ended June 30 amounted to £248,387, whereas the Preference dividend requires £59,400. There is a reserve of £300,000, and £65,284 is carried forward.

KAFFIRS AND PARIS.

Movements in the South African section of the Mining market have largely constituted a reflex of conditions in Paris. The financial difficulties at that centre occasioned sales of Central Mining, Gold Fields, Johnnies, and Union Corporation. In the case of Gold Fields the fluctuations were partly attributable to varying views as to the dividend policy which will be adopted by the directors at their meeting to be held within the next few days; at one time the price touched 20s. offered. In some quarters it is expected that the company, like its associate, the Gold Fields Rhodesian, will make no distribution in respect of the past year; in others it is hoped that a small amount may be forthcoming. For each of the three preceding periods 3s. per share was disbursed. Many of the producing companies' shares were marked down in sympathy with the gold issues, although the news from the Rand was distinctly favourable. Several of the mines reported substantially increased profits for October. The total for the leading groups of £1,204,350 passed the September amount by £52,000, while the ten months' aggregate of £11,176,000 was £420,500 more than for the corresponding period of 1929. The Daggafontein ore reserve estimate exceeded anticipations, and was accompanied by the announcement that a reduction plant is to be designed.

Diamond shares were adversely affected by the news of a fresh "rush" to reported rich alluvial discoveries in Namaqualand. Northern Rhodesians suffered from forced liquidation. Nothing more has yet been heard of the Congo-Bwana fusion scheme.

In the Base Metal departments a mildly favourable tendency prevailed for the greater part of the period, although the products trended downwards. Tin, in fact, fell sharply, the end-October statistics being disappointing. Broken Hills developed irregularity on Friday in connection with the political news from Australia. Some of the miscellaneous shares have been inquired for.

OIL CONDITIONS.

A noticeable feature of interest in the Oil share market was the strong investment buying of the Preference and Debenture issues of the leading companies. In this respect the prior charges of the Anglo-Persian, Burmah, and Shell Transport Companies received particular attention. Yields on these stocks are satisfactory, although the scope for capital appreciation is small owing to the fixed dividends, but under the policy of "safety first" money naturally tends to flow in the direction of such shares. Ordinary shares received little support, and the general tone was dull. The continued uncertainty regarding the conditions of the Paris Bourse restricted dealings in such shares as Shells and the Eagle issues, but real weakness was not apparent in any direction.

The Shell Union results for the third quarter of the year had a depressing effect in America, which was, to some extent, reflected in prices on this side. Net earnings before the deduction of Federal taxes amounted to 1,107,659 dols., against 9,172,746 dols. for the third quarter of last year. For the nine months the profit totalled 826,678 dols., against 18,682,405 dols. for the corresponding nine months of 1929. The Shell Union is the holding company in the United States for the Royal-Dutch-Shell group. It will be recalled that at the meeting in August last the quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share on the Common stock was omitted, this being the first occasion on which the Common dividend had not been declared since the initial payment, but the regular Preferred dividend was announced.

RUBBER PRODUCTION.

Undoubtedly the most important feature of the Rubber market at the moment is the steadily increasing number of concerns which have signified their intention either to cut down their production, or to cease tapping entirely until such time as the selling price makes it a profitable course to resume working. To date forty-six different estates have issued an official statement regarding a restricted tapping policy, while a message from Ceylon reports that forty estates there have suspended tapping.

The gradual expansion of this natural restriction of supplies seems more than probable, unless a sharp improvement in the price of raw rubber to a profitable level takes place. This possibility is considered unlikely in the market until it is quite obvious that current output is below world consumption. Meanwhile, the Malayan shipments for the first ten months this year amount to 464,000 tons against 484,500 tons for the same period of 1929.

According to Messrs. Symington and Sinclair, shipments from the main producing centres this year show a total decline of 27,155 tons when compared with the similar ten months last year. The falling off in consumption has been much more drastic, the United States having used over 78,000 tons less up to the end of September, while with the sole exception of Great Britain, all other countries have also recorded a lower absorption figure.

Tea issues were an idle market, with the majority of movements in quotations downward. The total average price at the auctions during the past week amounted to 1s. 3.24d., against 1s. 3.57d. the previous week, and 1s. 3.36d. for the corresponding sales a year ago.

THE OUTLOOK.

Although the banking troubles in France have caused some temporary disturbance, creating the possibility of a resumption of gold shipments to that quarter, there is no reason to anticipate any material change in money conditions in the near future. British Government long-dated securities had gone ahead so rapidly that a reaction was inevitable, but the upward movement is likely to be resumed. The trend is towards a 4 per cent. yield basis on the Funds, with the natural result that the return on other high-class investments is steadily diminishing, and the difficulty of employing capital at remunerative rates becomes still greater.

This must continue until one of two things happens. Either the supply of suitable investments will be reinforced by new issues until the market is glutted, or a trade revival will bring to an end the long spell of cheap money. Neither of these is a contingency of the immediate future, and investors will continue to employ their funds as safely as possible while waiting for conditions to change.

Great importance is attached in the City to the result of the municipal elections, which are regarded as signifying a definite swing-round against Socialism, especially in the leading industrial centres, and for this reason political developments are watched with unusual interest, and may have a decisive effect upon the course of the more speculative markets.

Caution is imposed by the unsatisfactory position in New York and the threatened inquiry into Wall Street methods. Although the Treasury has issued a disclaimer, there is good reason to believe that a moratorium for the Allied Governments' debts to America is being seriously considered.

Such a plan it is believed, would enable European countries to increase their exports to the United States, and lead to the release of an appreciable proportion of gold, which at present is doing more harm than good to its American owners. This is not merely a matter of theoretical economics, but has a very real bearing on the question whether trade depression is to continue on both sides of the Atlantic merely because of the unequal distribution of the world's gold.

Similarly, the question of War Loan conversion, which is bound to dominate markets until the Treasury decides to take the plunge, is not merely one of saving a few million in the Budget. Even a partial operation, if successfully carried out, would have a stimulating effect on business, would raise the national prestige, and would instil fresh hope and confidence into the City. It is worth while making a special effort to achieve such objects.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

GILT-EDGED.	Oct. 31.	Nov. 7.	+ Rise or – Fall.
War Loan 5%	102 1/16xd	102 1/16	—
Conversion 3½%	81 11/16	81 3/4	+ 1/16
Do. 4½%	102 5/8	102 3/8	– 1/4
Do. 5%	105 5/8	105 3/8	– 1/4
Consolidated 2½%	58 1/8	58 1/2	+ 3/8
Funding 4%	94 3/4	94 13/16	+ 1/16
Local Loans	68	67 7/8	– 1/8
India 3%	56 1/2	55 1/2	– 1
Australia 5% '45-'75	78	76 1/2	– 1 1/2
FOREIGN.			
Brazil Resciss.	48 3/4	52	+ 3 1/4
Do. 6½%	73 3/4	78	+ 4 1/4
Chinese 1912	46	49	+ 3
Do. 1913	65 3/4	68	+ 2 1/4
German 7%	101	101 1/2	+ 1/2
Peru Pref.	33	34 3/4	+ 1 3/4
S. Paulo Coffee	76	81	+ 5
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Gt. Western	71	71 3/4	+ 3/4
L.M and S.	35	35 1/2	+ 1/2
Do. 1923 Pf.	9	61 1/2	+ 2 1/2
L. & N.E. 2nd Pref.	43 3/4	45	+ 1 1/4
Southern Prefd.	68	69 3/4	+ 1 3/4
Do. Def.	23 3/4	24 1/8	+ 3/8
Do. 5% Pref.	92	95	+ 3
B.A. Gt. Southern	77 1/2	79 1/2	+ 2
Do. 4% Debs.	3/4 pm.	2 pm.	+ 1 1/4
Cen. Argentine	67 1/2	67	– 1/2
INDUSTRIALS.			
Allied News	21/6	21/6	—
Amal. Press	19/6	20/9	+ 1/3
Daily Mail Trust	2 7/16	2 7/16	—
Kelly's Directories Deb.	104 1/2	104 3/4	+ 1/4
Turner & Newall	2 11/16	2 13/16	+ 1/8
Hudson's Bay	2 3/16	2 5/16	+ 1/8
Intern. Tea	19/6	20/3	+ -/9
Imperial Chem.	20/-	21/3	+ 1/3
Cables & W. Pf.	70 1/2	74	+ 3 1/2
Waring Pref.	10/6	12/10½	+ 2/4½
Courtaulds	2 3/16	2 9/32	+ 3/32
Distillers	61/6	62/6	+ 1/-
Guinness	103/-	108/3	+ 5/3
Ass. Brit. Maltsters	9/-	9/9	+ -/9
Town Investments	49/9	60/-	+ 10/3
North British Ins.	35 1/8	36	+ 7/8
Fine Spinners	22/3	21/6	– -/9
Tobacco Secs. Tst.	305	310	+ 5
Coventry Chain	23/3	20/-	– 3/3
MINES.			
Gold Fields	1 3/32	1 1/32	– 1/16
De Beers Def.	6 1/8	5 3/4	– 3/8
Bwana M'Kubwa	9/-	9/1½	+ -/1½
Chartered	30/-	29/1½	– -/10½
Congo Border	10 1/2	9 3/4	– 3/4
N'Changa Copper	2 1/16	2	– 1/16
Rio Tinto	30 3/4	30 1/2x	– 1/4
North Broken Hill	1 3/4	1 13/16	+ 1/16
Gopeng Tin	1 7/8	2	+ 1/8
Tigon	15/32	9/16	+ 3/32
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	3 1/16	3 3/32	+ 1/32
Burmah	4 1/32	4 1/16	+ 1/32
Phoenix	7/9	8/-	+ -/3
Royal Dutch	27 3/4	27 3/4	—
Shell Transport	4 3/32	4 3/32	—
Trinidad Leaseholds	1 3/8	1 9/32	– 3/32
V.O.C.	1 13/16	1 25/32	– 1/32
RUBBERS.			
Rubber Trusts	24/9	23/9	– 1/-
Anglo-Dutch	24/9	24/-	– -/9
Banteng	5/8	11/16	+ 1/16
Pullangode	3/8	9/32	– 3/32
TEAS.			
Budla Beta	2 13/16	3	+ 3/16
Eastern Assam	3 1/4	3 3/8	+ 1/8
Baraoora	1 7/32	1 1/16	– 5/32
Bagracote	2 1/4	2 1/8	– 1/8

MONEY MARKET.

RETURN TO STRINGENT CONDITIONS.

FRENCH EXCHANGE WEAKNESS.

SATURDAY Afternoon.

Conditions in Lombard Street have changed considerably during the past week. The situation, far from becoming easier, as anticipated, following the large disbursements made on November 1 by the Government, has been one of stringency, the market, in fact, only narrowly avoiding borrowing from the Bank of England both on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The clearing banks have not called to any extent for balancing operations, but, on the other hand, they appeared to be very sparing lenders, while, owing to the incidence of the August Bank holiday three months ago, there were no maturities of Treasury bills for two days in succession, which naturally deprived the market of funds. Other factors also adversely affecting working conditions were substantial payments for Treasury bills, and a withdrawal of French credit, presumably in connection with the financial difficulties which have arisen in Paris. Apart from the 1½ per cent. accepted to-day for week-end advances, little overnight money has been secured during the week under 2 per cent., while a substantial amount has been lent at 2½ per cent. and even higher.

Discount rates, owing to the tightness of money, the weakness of the French exchange, and the consequent resumption of gold shipments to France, have become firmer. The minimum quotation for two and three months' paper is now 2 3-16 per cent., while rates for longer-dated paper have hardened a little in view of the somewhat uncertain outlook.

The general tendency of rates in the foreign exchange market has been to move against sterling, the feature being a sharp drop from 123.78 to 123.60 in exchange on Paris.

Bullion movements at the Bank of England since Monday last have resulted in a net efflux of £987,381, due to the withdrawal of £943,381 in bar gold for France. Silver prices have recovered ⅛d. to 16 11-16d. per ounce for cash and 1-16d. to 16⅝d. for future shipment owing to Indian buying.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations.	
			Nov. 8	Nov. 1
Paris, cheques	Fr. to £	124.21	123.59-.61	123.77-.79
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.38 1/4-3/4	20.38 3/4-.39
Brussels, ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.82-34.83	34.84 1/2-.85 1/2
Amst'rd'm, chqs.	Fl. to £	12.107	12.06 3/4-.07	12.06 1/4-1/2
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.79-92.81	92.79-92.81
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374 1/2-375 1/2	374 1/2-375 1/2
Madrid, sight	Pes. to £	25.22½	42.75-42.80	43.75-43.80
Lisbon, sight	Escudo	4.50	108 1/8-5/8	108 1/8-3/8
Switz'rl'nd, sight	Fr. to £	25.22½	25.03-.03 1/4	25.02 3/4-.03 1/4
Oslo sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15 1/2-.16	18.15 3/4-.16 1/4
Stockholm, sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.11-.11 1/2	18.10 5/8-.7/8
Copenhagen, s'gt	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15 3/4-.16 1/4	18.15 3/4-.16 1/4
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192 3/4-193	192 3/4-193 1/4
Vienna	Sh. to £	34.58½	34.48-34.52	34.45-34.47
Alexandria, sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97 1/16-97 3/16	97 1/16-97 3/16
Prague	Kr. to £	164.25	163 3/4-7/8	163 3/4-7/8
Bucharest	Lei to £	813.6	817-819	817-819
Bombay, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Calcutta, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Hong Kong, T.T.	d. to dol.	—	1s. 3 5/8d.	1s. 3 5/8d.
Shanghai, T.T.	d. to tael	—	1s. 7 1/2d.	1s. 7 3/8d.
Singapore, T.T.	d. to dol.	2s. 4d.	2s. 3 13/16d.	2s. 3 13/16d.
Kobe	Yen	24.57d.	2s. 0 17/32d.	2s. 0 17/32d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86 2/3	4.85 21/32-23/32	4.85 25/32-27/32
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86 2/3	4.85 3/16-5/16	4.85 3/16-5/16
Rio de J., T.T.	d. to ml.	5.89d.	4 15/16-5	4 7/8-5 nom.
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar	47.58d.	38 11/16-38 13/16	38 11/16-38 3/4
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.97	39.97
Montevideo, T.T.	d. to dol.	51d	39 1/2-40	39 1/2-40
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	15.55	15.17 1/2

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Readers who desire answers on financial matters should send their queries to "Financial Editor," the "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, so as to arrive not later than first post Fridays.

V B.—Sell by all means if you can.

Limerick.—Do not care for No. 5, but the others are worth keeping.

S. R. B.—India Tyre Preferred and Deferred are worth keeping.

West Country.—Would keep Anglo-Persian Oils and Anglo-Dutch Plantations.

F. A. H. C.—British Power and Light are a fair lock-up for a year or two.

E. R.—Cockshutt Plow shares are worth keeping. Do not care for the others.

Astyanax.—They are described as "investment bankers." Caution is necessary.

A. E.—(1) Quite possible you may get them cheaper. (2) Would wait awhile.

E. M. C.—Think you might add to your holding of City of London Real Property.

Miles.—On the whole a good list. Would give preference to Nos. 1, 5, 13 and 14.

Bournemouth.—A. W. Gamage 5½ per cent. Preference is a fair risk for the high yield.

Dubious (Margate).—Keep Gramophones, West Rands, and Kern Rivers, and sell the others.

W. A.—Keep No. 1. Position of the other two is poor, but would risk holding for some recovery.

C. T. H.—It is a case of waiting for trade recovery. As you have held so long, would risk keeping the shares for a possible turn in the tide.

Sutor.—The market is nervous of the coming interim dividend. If you have a profit, would take it.

B. J. S.—You might increase your holdings of Chinese 5 per cent., 1913 and Japanese 4 per cent., 1910.

Plum (Dublin).—The election of an independent firm of auditors certainly seems the best course open to the shareholders.

Digby.—Price about £5. It is under good management, but is a new concern, and has yet to prove its earning capacity.

Isca.—Certainly would not average European and General Finance even if you can find any market for the shares.

A. M. S.—A purchase to average would probably improve your position eventually. Competition is the main cause of the falls.

H. G. B.—(1) Would wait before averaging Nickels. (2) Doubt if it would be wise to wait for a lower price for Unilevers.

A. R. B.—Such societies as those you mention are reliable, but would not regard 5 per cent., tax free, as being the permanent rate.

Stores.—Think you might risk holding Whiteley Ordinary: they certainly seem cheap, allowing for the limited nature of the guarantee.

A. F.—A fair risk to average London Midland and Scottish Ordinary. The chief drawback, of course, is the still unsettled labour question.

Spex.—Both of these shares are of the rubbish variety, and the obscure financial publications which recommend them should be ignored.

Waveney.—They are sound stocks, but difficult to obtain. Alliance Investment 4½ per cent. new Debenture stock might be added to your list.

A. L.—1. You have a fair profit on the Electric shares. Would take it, as they look like going lower. 2. Turner and Newall might suit you.

Norman.—(1) They have fallen on reports of bad trade. Would rather get rid of them. (2) Hold Australian 4¾ per cent. and Berlin 6 per cent.

J. N. (Birmingham).—There seems a fair chance of the company weathering the present depression, unless it is prolonged for another two years. It has done well in the past, and you might as well retain the shares in the hope of better times.

Mon.—Very little information is available regarding either share. Have no record of the London address of the Vulcan. Both shares have been foisted on to the public by outside brokers and other share-pushers; their value is highly problematical.

Fluffy.—It is not correct that you now receive no interest on your Savings Certificates after the tenth year. Interest is added at 1d. a month per certificate until March 1932. Why no convert into the third series and get another ten years' run?

Folkestone Reader.—Should such a situation arise, Shell Transport would be well able to meet the new conditions. Do not consider the shares likely to fall considerably in the near future. A reduction in the next dividend is not improbable, but is discounted by the present price.

S. W.—Nearly all the Ordinary shares of Welsbach Light Company are now held by Imperial Chemical Industries. Last dividend, 2½ per cent. for 1927-28. Globe Telegraph and Trust pays 10 per cent., tax free. Your shares are worth about £320. Lipton Ordinary are now 1s. shares, priced at 4s. 10½d. A 10 per cent. dividend was paid for 1929.

RUBBER EASIER.

The Mincing Lane market for raw rubber was quiet yesterday, and quotations eased on the overnight American close. Spot and November marked 1/16d. lower at 4⅛d. December at 4 3-16d., January/March 4 5-16d., and April/June at 4 7-16d. July/September dropped 1/16d. to 4 9-16d., and October/December, 1931, 1/16d. to 4¾d.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT FUTURES.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Wheat prices have had a fair rally on reports that rust is spreading in the provinces of Argentina, having already appeared in Cordoba Buenos Aires, and Santa Fe, and, moreover, the weather favours the spread of the pest. Futures prices will largely be governed by Argentine crop reports. In the meantime values remain low, as Australia confirms a big crop, whilst Canada and Russia continue to offer freely.

Closing quotations.—Good milling wheat (per 100 lb.): December 5s. 8d. (against 5s. 8⅝d. last week); March 5s. 7⅞d. (5s. 8⅜d.); May 5s. 8¾d. (5s. 9½d.).

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE CARLTON HOTEL

BOARD'S FORWARD POLICY.

LORD LURGAN'S STATEMENT.

The annual general meeting of the Carlton Hotel, Ltd., was held on Monday at the Carlton Hotel, Haymarket, S.W., Lord Lurgan (the chairman) presiding.

The Chairman, in the course of his speech, said: I am sorry to say that, owing principally to the world-wide industrial depression which has existed during practically the whole of the past year, we have been unable to maintain the excellent results of the previous year, and the profit shown is down to £80,750, as compared with £94,644. We recommend a final dividend of 7 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. on the Ordinary shares, making 12 per cent. for the year, which is the same rate as was paid for the five years prior to our record distribution of 15 per cent. last year.

Competition in the hotel and restaurant industry becomes keener and keener, and another much advertised and talked-of hotel and restaurant will be added to the number of our competitors in the coming spring. The only way in which we can meet this competition is by continually modernising and improving our property. This has always been our policy, and though it necessitates the spending of large sums of money, it goes without saying that the value of the additional comforts and attractions thus provided is reflected in the revenue.

As regards the future, the business done to date is less than at this time last year, and I imagine this remark applies to almost every hotel undertaking in London. I must confess that at present there are few grounds for optimism, either at home or abroad. Let me assure you, however, that your directors have no possible doubt that, given a return to normal conditions, the Carlton Hotel will be just as popular and successful as it has always been in the past.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS.

At our meeting last year I spoke of the tiresome restrictions under which this industry labours, and suggested that it would be of great benefit to hotels and restaurants, and also to the trade of the country, if these unnecessary restrictions were relaxed or removed. Instead of this the Government now proposes, without as far as we can discover, any demand from the workers engaged in the business, to increase our difficulties by applying the Trade Boards Acts to the catering trade. I rather doubt if many of you are aware that a trade board has the power to fix statutory minimum wages and working hours for persons employed in the particular industry to which the Act may be applied.

This, in my humble opinion, is a most serious and vexatious matter, and I am glad to say that the Hotels and Restaurants Association of Great Britain, which has done such excellent work in the past to defend the interests of our industry against the perils of State interference, has briefed eminent counsel to appear on its behalf at the public inquiry, when the objections to the order will be heard. This order, if proceeded with in its present form, will make the carrying on of our business much more difficult and costly than it is at present, and is bound to affect employment adversely. One would have thought that with the present burden of taxation, and the admittedly distressed condition of trade generally, with its consequent appalling state of unemployment, the Government would have recognised the inexpediency of applying the Acts to this trade.

The hotel and restaurant industry is, in my opinion, one of the most important and responsible industries a country possesses. We are hosts of the nation, and in attracting visitors from abroad we increase the trade of the country and add considerably to the country's invisible exports. For the Government to hamper our industry is little less than suicidal.

However, we must hope that better counsels will prevail, and that the Government will see the force of our objections to the order, and either withdraw it entirely or, failing that, exempt licensed restaurants from the requirements of the Acts.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

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JUTE CONDITIONS.

INQUIRY ON BROADER LINES.

FIRMER TENDENCY IN YARNS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDEE, Saturday.

A feeling abounds in the jute trade that prices have seen the bottom, and there appears to be more anxiety on the part of buyers of jute yarns and cloth to cover their requirements. Inquiry is coming in on broader lines, and, though actual business has not shown much of an increase so far, there are hopes that the inquiries will mature into business before long. Prices have been depressed to such an extent that both spinners and manufacturers have come to a point when they have to consider whether it would be less of a loss to close down their works entirely or to go on producing at the prices obtainable for yarns and cloth.

The production of yarns has already been curtailed to an extent that is having a material influence on the market, and the tendency of prices is firmer, which is also in keeping with higher rates demanded for the raw jute. The imports of raw material into Calcutta for the first four months of the season, from July 1 to October 31, are cabled as 4,275,000 bales, compared with 4,799,000 bales for the corresponding period of last season.

The Calcutta goods market has also shown signs of improvement, prices of heavy goods especially rising 2s. to 8s. per 100 bags. The stocks of heavy goods in Calcutta at the end of October showed a reduction of 10 per cent. compared with those at the end of September, being equal to eleven days' production, against 12½ days at the end of September. The stocks of hessians increased from 25½ days' production at the end of September to 26 days' at end of October. It must be borne in mind that, in addition to the week off as per arrangement, the Indian mills were silent on account of the Durga Puga holidays during last month.

Prices of raw jute showed signs of weakness in the early part of the week, but later a firmer tone prevailed. Good First Marks could have been bought at £19 10s., but before the close £20 5s. was being asked, while Lightnings rose from £17 to £17 10s. for good marks, November-December.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL.—The London financial agents are advised that the production for the week ended November 1 was 225,000 barrels.

HOVIS.—An interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum has been declared on the Ordinary shares for the half-year ended September 30. Warrants will be posted on December 1.

ALLEN-LIVERSIDGE.—Dividend at rate of 6½ per cent. per annum (less tax) for six months ended October 31, 1930, on Preference shares has been declared Warrants will be posted on November 29.

BUKIT PULAI RUBBER ESTATES.—The accounts for the year to June 30 last show a loss of £932, as against a profit of £5,085. Credit of £2,675 brought in reduced to £1,743. Output was 803,926 lb., of which 670,900 lb. sold at 7.80d. per lb. gross.

MADEN AND IRELAND.—Profit for year to September 30 last £14,185 (against £2,765). Provision for loss in subsidiary £9,070 (against £4,935). Preference dividend absorbs £10,336, and £4,573 (against £4,544) is carried forward. Directors report that profits of parent company have improved, but it has again been necessary to provide for loss in subsidiary, as owing to continued depression benefits of reorganisation have not materialised as expected, but loss during second half of year has been considerably reduced.

MINING TRUST.—Weekly Progress Report.—Mount Isa.—Drifts, crosscuts, etc., 179 ft. Villemagne.—During month of October milled 13,091 tons, produced 535 tons lead concentrates, 791 tons zinc concentrates. New Guinea Goldfields.—Location No. 3: W. Drift advanced 27 ft., total 652 ft., assay 26s., width 46 in. Location No. 8: S.E. Drift advanced 31 ft., total 796 ft., assay 91s., width 69 in. Location No. 22: No. 1 Adit S.E. Drift advanced to total of 275 ft., assay 63s., width 25 in., full width not exposed.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

M. J. L.—The demand for tax upon interest which arises on moneys in bank during settlement of estate is correct. The exemption limit applies to individuals, not estates.

S. African.—If you are permanently resident abroad, fact that you have bank account in London and London banker cashes coupons on foreign investments will not render you liable to British tax.

W. S. M.—Your calculation is correct provided you have given gross amount of taxed dividends and that assessment to Sch. A is net Sch. A, and that there is no ground rent or mortgage interest payable upon house.

J. H. O. S.—Your son should deduct income tax from interest when he pays it to you, and you will be able to claim exemption if total income including interest does not exceed £135 p.a. if widower, or £225 p.a. if married. You will then obtain repayment of tax which son has deducted.

Quarter.—If shop makes only £75 profit and other income is £140 you are exempt and should pay no tax. The incomes of husband and wife are taken together for tax purposes, and you can claim full £225 allowance as married man. You can also claim one-sixth allowance from earned income.

Trustee.—If minor's interest in estate is only contingent on coming of age, i.e., if should minor die before coming of age, estate and accrued income thereon passes to others, you will see that no exemption can be claimed at moment. It is necessary to wait until minor comes of age before claim can be substantiated.

Apteryx.—The illustration you give assumes that all profits of Australian company have paid tax in Australia, State Tax 3s. 6d., and Federal Tax 1s., total 4s. 3d. in £. The relief granted here would be at half taxpayer's British rate, subject to maximum of 4s. 3d. in £. The Australian States do not grant reciprocal relief, but Commonwealth does. You should write to London office for Commonwealth for further particulars.

Perplexed (Wales).—If you elected to be assessed under Sch. D. for farm, you must bring into account profits from sale of timber. As you bought farm in 1923 and sold timber in 1929, it is quite clear that timber does not represent growth during six years. Presumably timber sold will have taken anything from twenty to thirty years to mature. In so far, therefore, as you purchased growing timber in 1923, you should claim to treat difference between what you paid for it and what you got for it as profit, and not whole of proceeds.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

THE MAILS.

AKI MARU (N.Y.K.) for Sydney left Brisbane November 8.

AMERICAN TRADER (U.S.L.) for New York left Gravesend, November 8.

ARANDORA STAR (Blue Star) from Mediterranean via Southampton for King George V. Dock passed Gravesend, November 8.

BANGALORE (P. and O.) Calcutta for London left Colombo, November 8.

CALUMET (Brit. and African) from Beira arrived Table Bay, November 8.

CATHAY (P. and O.) London for Brisbane arrived Adelaide November 8.

PFALZ (N.D.L.) from Vladivostock arrived Manila, November 8.

FUSHIMI MARU (N.Y.K.) for London left Shimonoseki, November 8.

GARADA (B.I.) from Calcutta arrived Adelaide, November 8.

KARMALA (P. and O.) for Yokohama left Otaru, November 8.

KIDDERPORE (P. and O.) Kobe for Bombay left Shanghai, November 8.

LETITIA (Anchor Donaldson) from Montreal arrived Mersey, November 8.

MACEDONIA (P. and O.) Kobe for London left Hong Kong, November 8.

MADURA (B.I.) East Africa for London left Port Said, November 8.

MORVADA (B.I.) for Hamburg left Calcutta, November 8.

MURORAN MARU (N.Y.K.) for Yokohama left Calcutta, November 8.

NAGOYA (P. and O.) Calcutta for London left Suez, November 8.

NIAGARA (C.G.T.) from Vancouver arrived Sydney, November 8.

PORT BRISBANE (C. and D.) for London left Wellington, November 8.

PORT HARDY (C. and D.) for Sydney left Brisbane, November 8.

PORT NICHOLSON (C. and D.) for London left Dunedin, November 8.

SALEIER (Nederland) from New York arrived Sabang, November 8.

SURADA (B.I.) for Sydney left Calcutta, November 8.

TALAMBA (B.I.) for Calcutta left Osaka, November 6.

TILAWA (B.I.) from Osaka arrived Calcutta, November 8.

UMKUZI (Bullard) from Beira arrived Table Bay, November 8.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

ALHENA for Hamburg left Calcutta, November 8.

GOLDEN WEST from Bellingham arrived Lyttleton, November 8.

MARELLA for Brisbane left Singapore November 8.

TAROUGA from Hamburg arrived Table Bay, November 8.

SORCARD from New Orleans arrived Sydney, November 8.

TIMAVO for Trieste left Zanzibar November 8.

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WALL STREET HEAVY.

LEADERS TOUCH NEW LOW LEVELS.

TURNOVER EXCEEDS TWO MILLION SHARES.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The stock market again opened irregularly, and in the fairly active trading which followed the stubborn shrinkage of quoted values slackened, but did not halt. Virtually all prominent shares were depressed to new low levels for the moment, but week-end short covering induced partial rallies here and there. Rails and Utilities were notably under pressure, while Radio Corporation was heavy on the publication of a poor third-quarter report; but the market showed better resistance than some quarters expected.

Some brokers, however, pointed out that many traders had probably been driven until after the week-end to answer margin calls sent out yesterday evening.

An unsettling development was an announcement of the cancellation of the price schedule by the Export Petroleum Association, which Wall Street interpreted as leaving the way open for a renewal of vigorous competition between leading interests in foreign markets.

The closing was heavy. North American and Norfolk and Western declined 5 points, and New York Consolidated Gas, Atchison Topeka, New York Central, and Pennsylvania Railroad lost from 2 to 3 points. Government Bonds steady. Railroad Bonds irregular.

The day's sales totalled 2,065,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. down at 36.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Coffee opened easy 12 to 15 points lower. The market declined on trade and commission house selling in the absence of any important demand, The close was quiet, Rio futures being 13 to 17 points lower, and Santos options showing 11 points to 1 point loss. Spot closed quiet and unchanged. Rio No. 7, 7⅝; Santos No. 4, 12; Futures basis Rio No. 7. December, 6.67; January, 6.12; March, 5.81; May, 5.65; July, 5.53; September, 5.43. Estimated day's sales, Rio futures, 6,000 bags. Futures basis Santos No. 4. December 10.54; January, 10.00; March, 9.54; May 9.20; July, 9.05; September, 8.89. Estimated sales Santos futures, 4,000 bags.

Cocoa.—Spot, 6⅜. Futures closed irregular, 2 points up to 2 down. Sales, 54 lots. December, 6.14; January, 6.21; March, 6.41; May, 6.60; July 6.79; September, 6.96.

Sugar declined on liquidation, and Wall Street selling, owing to the easier Stock market, and on fears of increased offerings of Russian Sugar in European markets. There was a partial rally on covering. The close was steady with futures 2 to 4 points lower. Spot, steady and unchanged. 96 Test Centrifugal Cuban Local Spot, 3.38. Approximate day's sales, 10,000 tons. December, 1.39; January, 1.42; March, 1.48; May, 1.54; July, 1.61; September, 1.68; October, 1.69.

Wheat.—Manitobas steady unchanged, other grades easier, ⅞c. to ⅝c. lower. No. 2 Amber Durum, 78½; No. 2 Mixed Durum, 76½; No. 2 Northern Manitoba, 78¾; No. 2 Hard Winter, 85½; No. 2 Red Winter, 93¾.

Lard.— Steady 10 points down to unchanged. Prime Western Steam, 12.25; Middle West, 12.20 to 12.30.

Flour.—Steady. Spring Clears 100 per cent., 4.20 to 4.50.

Petroleum.—Steady. Standard White in cases, 15.65; barrels, 12.25; Mid-Continent Crude, 33 to 33.9 Baume, 85 cents; Pennsylvania Crude, 1.60 to 2.00.

Rubber Outside Prices.—Quiet but steady. First Latex Crepe Spot, 8½ buyers; Smoked Ribbed Sheets Spot, 8¼ buyers, 8½ sellers; December, 8⅜ buyers; January-February-March, 8⅝ buyers, 8⅞ sellers. Rubber Exchange of New York (Closing) Contract "A."—Steady unchanged to 10 points up. December, 8.30; January, 8.50; March, 8.70; May, 8.90; July, 9.10; September, 9.30. Sales: 37 lots.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady with old contracts ⅜c up to ⅛c down, and new deliveries ⅜c higher to ⅛c lower. The closing was barely steady with old ⅝c to ¾c and new ½c to 1c cheaper. No. 2 Hard Winter Spot, 74½; December, 73⅝ to 73½; March, 77½; May, 79¾ to 79⅝. New Contracts: December, 73¾; March, 77⅞; May, 79⅞ to 79⅞; July, 80⅛ to 80⅛.

Hogs.—Steady with light kinds unchanged to 5 points down, and heavy descriptions 10 points lower. Light weight, 9.00 to 9.20; Heavy weight, 9.00 to 9.25.—Reuter.

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady ⅛c down to ⅛c up. A sharp decrease in export demand, coupled with easiness on cash markets and a decline at Buenos Aires adversely affected values early. The market continued to weaken on reports stating that no important damage had resulted from rust in Argentine, despite rains in the northern belt. A bearish estimate indicating that the Southern Hemisphere export surplus now amounts to 200,000,000 bushels was a further depressing factor. Subsequent covering brought partial rallies, but the closing was barely steady with prices ½ to ⅞c lower. December, 68⅛; May, 74; July, 75⅜.—Reuter.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.

Copper: Steady. Lake Spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 9.62½ asked; Electrolytic Spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 9.50 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 9.50 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 9.50 asked; Casting f.o.b. New York Refinery, 9.25 asked.

Straits Tin.—Easy spot and December 15 points lower. Spot and nearby New York, 25.50. Future option December, 25.60.

Lead.—Steady and unchanged. Spot New York, 5.10; Spot East St. Louis, 4.95.

Platinum.—Pure refined spot, 33.00 dollars.

Aluminium.—98-99 per cent. spot New York, 22⅞ cents.

Nickel.—Ingot spot New York, 35 cents.

Pig Iron.—Steady. Northern No. 2 plain f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 18.89; No. 2 plain Buffalo delivery Boston, 21.16.

Copper.—The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes copper c.i.f. Hamburg, 9.80.—Reuter.

PARIS BOURSE.

PARIS, Saturday.

The Bourse to-day resumed the Saturday sessions according to arrangements made some time previously. Most sections were adversely affected by the weakness of Wall Street, and prices generally suffered further losses.

On the Parquet Rentes were fairly well supported, but other Government issues were undecided. Bank shares were weaker, especially Banque de France, which declined 310 fr. to 20.070. Among Internationals, Suez Canal shares dropped 100 fr. to 16,350, and Turkish Unified weakened from 44.10 to 42.75.

On the Coulisse Diamond shares ruled steady, but Gold Mining shares were on the dull side.

Rubber and Oil shares were irregular, although price movements mostly small.—Reuter.

UTILITIES WEAK ON CURB.

CITIES SERVICE AN ACTIVE FEATURE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

In more active trading, renewed disturbance in Cities Service, the turnover of which exceeded 115,000 shares, featured the decline. Utilities, which were heavily dealt in, were also notably weak, Cities Service, Electric Bond and Share, and American Gas declining from 3 to 5 points.

Oils touched new low levels, and recorded declines ranging from fractions to 1 point. Motor shares and investment issues eased fractionally. Aluminium of America, Babcock and Wilcox, and Driver-Harris declined from 2 to 3 points.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid.	
		Sat.	Fri.
17½	Associated Gas and Electric A.	17	19½
26¼	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	25½	25½
17⅜	Cities Service	16⅞	20¾
4	Creole Oil	3⅞	4
42 3/16	Electric Bond and Share	41	44⅛
11 5/16	Electric Shareholding Common	11	12
25¾	Ford (Canada) voting "B"	25	19⅞
17½	Imperial Oil of Canada	17	15½
14 3/16	International Petroleum	14⅛	14¼
20 5/16	Middle West Utilities	19¾	19¾
52⅝	Newmont Mining	51⅛	51½
10 15/16	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	10	10⅛
6 13/16	Penn Road Corporation	6⅝	7
9¼	Silica Gel. Corporation	9	8½
39⅝	Standard Oil of Indiana	38½	39⅝
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
5⅛	Associated Electrical Industries	5	5⅛
2 1/16	Bwana M'Kubwa	2	2
15 5/16	Ford (of England) £1 shares (fy.p.)	14⅞	15¼
11 5/16	General Elect. Ord.*	11	11¼
26	Hydro-Electric	25¼	25½
2 5/16	Marconi Canada *b*	2¼	2½
8½	Marconi Marine Ord.*	8¼	8½
16½	Roan Antelope *a*	16	15⅞

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold.

COTTON IRREGULAR.

PRICES ADVANCE ON BUREAU FIGURES.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Both the crop estimate and the census report on the amount of cotton ginned to November 1 proved smaller than the trade had been expecting, and prices advanced sharply 20 to 25 points when trading was resumed following the receipt of the figures from Washington.

Instead of an increase the crop was reduced 48,000 bales from last month to 14,438,000 bales, as compared with 14,838,000 bales harvested last year. The amount ginned was 10,863,000 bales, as compared with 10,892,000 bales last year, representing 1,611,000 bales for the period, as against 1,794,000 bales in the same period last year. The fact that the recent decline of 80 points had tended to create a healthier technical position, as well as attracting an increasing quantity of buying orders from the trade, helped to strengthen the market.

The action of the market for some weeks has shown the results of the holding movement in the South and the operations of the Farm Board. With a large quantity of contracts being purchased here or in New Orleans against "spot" cotton sold to the mills, prices have shown resistance to the selling pressure. Despite the extreme weakness of the Stock Market in the past two days cotton has held firmly.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady and five points to one point lower. Trading was inactive prior to the issue of bureau report, and consisted largely of evening up, but values declined on less favourable Liverpool cables, liquidation, and moderate Southern selling. Following the report, prices advanced on active covering, but renewed southern selling and weakness on the Stock market influenced a partial setback. The closing was steady, with old contracts 19 to 15, and new deliveries 22 to 13 points lower.

Spot steady at 20 points rise.

At New Orleans futures opened 3 to 4 points lower, but closed 20 to 13 points up.

Spot gained 20 points.

Highest and lowest prices in the last 30 seconds of trading at New York:—November, 10.92, 10.92; December 11.14, 11.11; January, 11.27, 11.27. New Contracts:—November, 10.92, 10.92; December, 11.13, 11.10; January, 11.25, 11.25; February, 11.37, 11.37; March, 11.51, 11.50; April, 11.62, 11.62; May, 11.75, 11.74; June, 11.81, 11.81; July. 11.90, 11.88; August, 11.96, 11.96, September, 12.04, 12.04; October, 12.12, 12.12. Spot Middling at New York, 11.15.

Highest and lowest prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans:—December, 11.10, 11.09; January, 11.24, 11.23. Spot Middling at New Orleans, 10.85.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

American Futures opened 1 to 2 points easier. In view of the publication of the Bureau report, business was only on a small scale during the early session, and prices showed little variation. At the suspension of trading at twelve o'clock the market ruled quiet, at 1 point to 3 points decline. The final session opened rather bullish and 12 points higher on the Bureau figures showing a forecast of total production of 14,438,000 bales, and yield of lint cotton per acre as 154.2. The close was steady at 11 to 9 points advance on the day.

Egyptian Contracts.—After being quiet and lower at midday, later improved under the influence of the Bureau report. The market finally closed quiet, with Sakellaridis showing a rise of 3 to 5 points, and Upper were 4 to 6 points higher.

Closing American futures:—November 5.96, December 6.01, January 6.07, February 6.11, March 6.19, April 6.23, May 6.29, June 6.33, July 6.39, August 6.42, September 6.45, October 6.48, November 6.50, January (1932) 6.57. Egyptian:—November 9.00, December 8.92, January 8.95, March 9.08, May 9.23, July 9.40. Upper:—November 6.80, December 6.82, January 6.85, March 6.97, May 7.09, July 7.20.

Spot Report.—Americans were quiet and values advanced 1 point. Brazilians remain quiet and 1 point higher. Egyptians quiet without change. East Indians no change.

Spot Quotations.—American Middling, 6.04; Brazilian Pernam Maceio, etc., fair, 6.04; Egyptian Sakellaridis F.G.F., 9.85; East Indian M.G. Broach good, F.G. 4.50, fine 4.75; Tinnevelly F.G.F. 5.55, good 5.80; M.G. Oomra good 3.95, F.G. 4.15, fine 4.35; M.G. Bengal good 3.75, F.G. 3.90, fine 4.05.—Reuter.

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6 5/16	Chic. G. West	6⅛	6¾	½	Do. 2nd Pref.	½*b*	½*b*	1	Sea. Air Line	1	1
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112 3/16	Am. Can	109	109⅜	48⅜	Gen. Electric	47	47½	45 5/16	Paramount Publix	44	45⅛
30⅞	Am. Loco	30	30½	51⅝	Gen. Foods Cor.	50⅛	50¼	58 3/16	Pullman Co.	56½	57
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110⅛	Am. Tobac. "B"	107	110¼	158½	Ingersoll Rand	154	157	15 11/16	Stan. Brands	15¼	15½
35	Anaconda	34	33⅞	58 11/16	Int. Harvester	57	58¼	19 13/16	Studebaker Cn.	19¼	19½
48⅜	Atlantic Gulf	47	47	63 15/16	Int. Match Pref.	62⅛	62½	52⅛	Tex. Gf. Sul.	50⅝	50¾
20 9/16	Baldwin Loco.	20	20	17½	Intern. Nickel	17	17⅛	56⅞	Union Carbide	55¼	56¾
62⅛	Bethlem. Steel	60⅜	61¾	8¾	Intern. Paper 'A'	8⅛	8½	29 5/16	United Aircraft	28½	28½
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55 9/16	Crucible Steel	54	54	24 11/16	Nash Motors	24	26	46 7/16	Vanadium Cpn.	45⅛	44½
17	Davison Chem.	16½	16½	77 1/16	Natl. Biscuit	74⅞	74⅝	99 5/16	Westinghouse	96½	96
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193	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	187½	189	23 3/16	Int. Rapid Trns.	22½	23⅛	68 15/16	Standard Gas	67	68½
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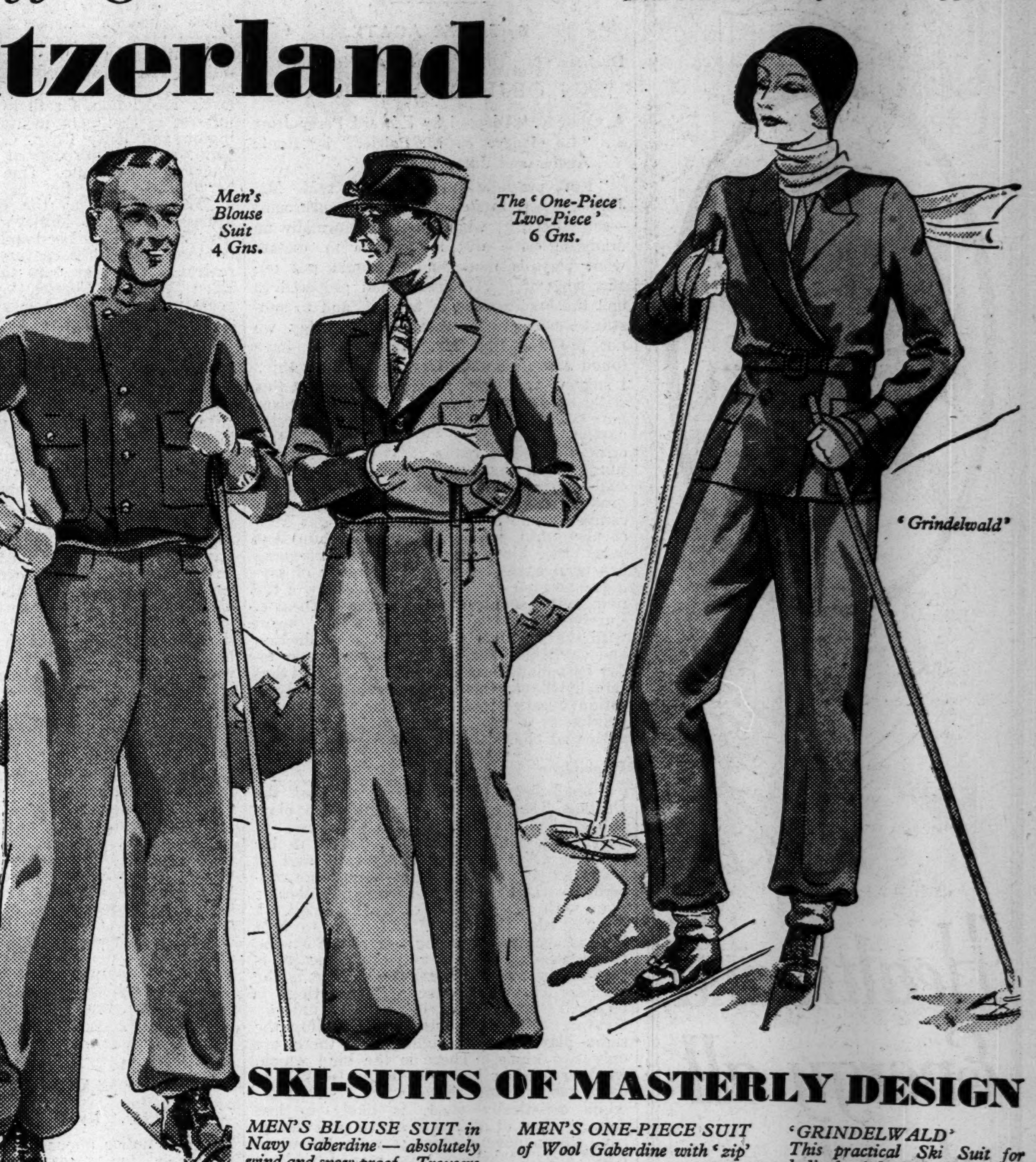
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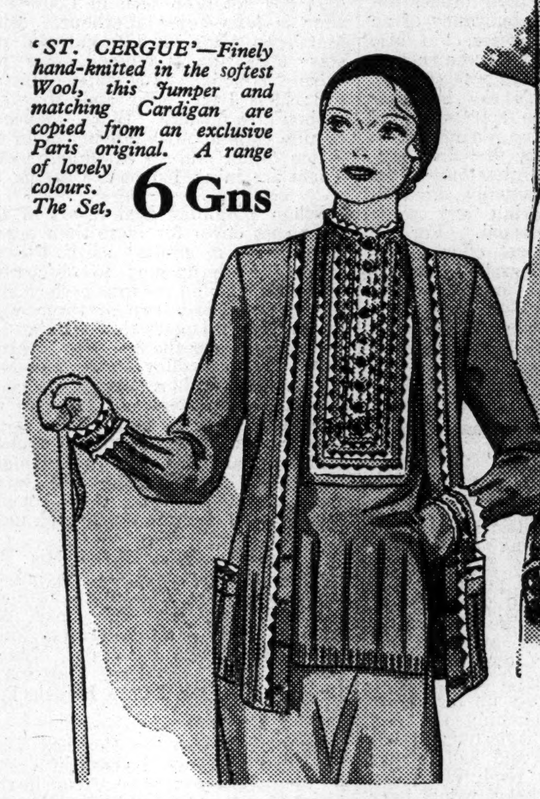
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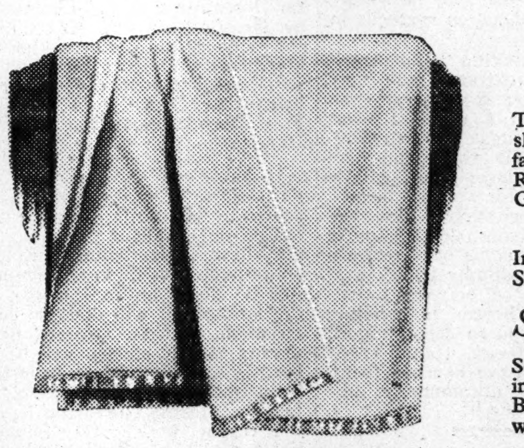

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THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

A QUESTION OF POLICY.

By JAMES AGATE.

Duchess. **Tuesday, November 4.**

"AN OBJECT OF VIRTUE."

A Comedy. Adapted by Edward Percy from "Le Gendre de M. Poirier" by Emile Augier and Jules Sandeau.

"Not presume to dictate," said Mr. Jingle, "but broiled fowl and mushrooms—capital thing! what time?" Normally no dramatic critic would presume to dictate what plays a management should put on. But what if Mr. Pickwick had proposed to boil the fowl instead of broil it, and to substitute cabbage for mushrooms? May we not presume that Mr. Jingle would have found some staccato way of averting this? I suggest yes, since all we know about this critic of the art of living leads us to place him among the constructive lot. Unfortunately those who preach constructive criticism do not realise that it must sometimes begin by being destructive. Wren could not put up his cathedral until the ground was cleared for it. Similarly you cannot incline a manager to the right kind of play until you have persuaded him that some other kinds are wrong. The foregoing has been suggested by the necessity of saying something concerning the first play of the new management at the Duchess Theatre. Purely destructive criticism would begin with the postulate that with any production and acting the revival of this play must to-day be tedious, and end with the verdict that actually the production was mistaken and the acting unsatisfactory. But one wants to be helpful to a new management, and it is with that object that I submit what follows.

Principle—

I shall begin, then, by saying that the Duchess Theatre is a charming little playhouse which has not yet had a success. A critic of maximum austerity, "aloof in his refinement," as the wine-merchant said of his claret, might deem himself no more concerned with the financial success of a theatre than with the stability of a whelk-stall. I do not take this view, preferring to hold that as against the rising tide of the cinema the prosperity of each and every theatre is part of the cultural breakwater. Nor is the Duchess Theatre "unlucky," since there is no such thing as an intrinsically unlucky theatre. It is all a question of finding the right play, and of right plays there are only two kinds. There is the kind which, whether good or bad artistically, is likely to make money; and there is the kind which, while artistically good, is likely to lose money. And of all bad kinds of play surely, from the managers' point of view, the worst must be that which loses money without æsthetic compensation. I propose to show that there were no reasonable grounds for hoping that the present adaptation could be a commercial draw or for believing that its production was artistically desirable.

"Le Gendre de M. Poirier," written nearly a hundred years ago, is a French classic which has the same kind of interest for the French that, say, "Caste" has for us. Just as the English comedy began the revolt from the turgid drama of Sheridan Knowles and Bulwer Lytton, so the French comedy constituted one of the first attacks launched by the new school of naturalism against the romanticism of Victor Hugo. But Robertson's plays have to-day, even for us, only a success of curiosity; there could not be any conceivable justification for their production across the Channel. Our neighbours have had their fill of the barricades, stormings, and guillotines which in a temperamental country must be part and parcel of the gospel of Liberty; they could hardly be interested in old Eccles, that representative of early Socialism, upon whose tub-thumpings our phlegmatic rulers have always cast so equal an eye. Reciprocally, there can be little interest for us in the French marriage-system of 1830 or thereabouts which so afflicts this little maid from school, in the sprig whose nobility is both suspect and outmoded, and in the ambitious bourgeois father amusing only to audiences conversant with bourgeois notions of aggrandisement under Louis Philippe. The last time I saw this play was many years ago when it was being performed by a visiting company for the benefit of hundreds of pig-tailed English Misses making simultaneous acquaintance with the theatre and the French language. But I shudder to think what Mr. Maugham's and Mr. Coward's precocious infants would think to-day of these French puppets, and I cannot believe that there is any grown-up English audience for these ghosts from a drama long laid to rest. Odd performances at the State-aided theatres of Paris are all very well; no other Parisian management would dream of putting on these wraiths for a run.

—and Practice.

Such delight as remains in the old piece must be bound up with its performance by French actors trailing clouds of well-loved tradition. At the Duchess no tradition holds, and it is thought to save a dead play by rattling through it as though it were alive. What happens is the exact contrary: bring to-day's air to this piece and it crumbles before our eyes. Some of the players were quite fantastically wrong. Though Mr. Brian Aherne wore a top-knot singularly like that which Sarah used for L'Aiglon, his Marquis was quite incredible. Mr. C. V. France was dignity itself, whereas Poirier is essentially droll. Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson could not be less than good, but the part did not need an actress who a fortnight ago was playing Rita Allmers; it was as though in 1893 one had been asked to consider Mrs. Campbell descending from Paula Tanqueray to Sweet Lavender. Mr. Horace Hodges contributed one more study of humanity not only older than the laws of Nature permit but older than the laws themselves, Mr. Robert Farquharson as the humiliated cook was amusing, and Mr. George Curzon did his best as Charles, the Marquis's friend. These were the evening's compensations.

Constructively, if a French play must be produced, let me suggest one which shows the modern French stage at its best can be transplanted, and demands no local sympathies. This is "L'Ame en Peine," by Jean-Jacques Bernard, a play of which every manager in London should have knowledge, since the Stage Society put it into general view two years ago in Mr. John Leslie Frith's adaptation called "The Unquiet Spirit." This piece received immense praise from all the critics, who acclaimed a magnificent performance by Miss Clare Eames. If Miss Eames should be unavailable her part is one to try still further Miss Forbes-Robertson's mettle. Mr. James Whale's scenery is probably still in existence, and I doubt if the production would cost a five-pound note. Should this fail, the management would at least have acquired merit, whereas failure in a piece not worth doing is to make the worst of as many theatrical worlds as there are. But why fly to France at all? Why not commission a play from each of three proved playwrights, say Messrs. Berkeley, Vosper, and van Druten, and give reasonable guarantees of production if the plays prove reasonably good?

Everyman. **Wednesday, November 5.**

"MASKS AND FACES."

Revival of the Play by Tom Taylor and Charles Reade.

The revival of this play is a different pair of shoes altogether, and for two sets of reasons. These concern the play and the theatre, and I will take the latter first. No West End manager with a theatre costing £400 a week, and therefore necessitating a play with a wide and instantaneous appeal, would attempt to resuscitate this musty and almost forgotten relic. But Mr. Morley is not so circumstanced. His rent cannot be heart-breaking, and he has behind him the Everyman Theatre Guild, whereby certain dwellers on those Hampstead heights pledge themselves to support Mr. Morley whether his spirits are low or rollicking. In addition this play is only one item in a well-considered programme, and his actors constitute a near approach to a stock company.

Now as regards the play. "Masks and Faces" has an interest for us which no foreign piece can possibly have, simply because it was a favourite comedy with our fathers and grandfathers, and as such is in our playgoing blood. It has two sets of lovely association, for there must always be interest in the mere mention of Peg Woffington and Kitty Clive, Colley Cibber and Quin, and old stirrings at the memory of their past enactors. One would have to be 85 to have the haziest recollection of Mrs. Stirling at the first performance discussed by Mr. Morley's grandfather in his "Journal of a London Playgoer," and it is more than half a century since the great revival of this play with the Bancrofts and Ellen Terry and Charles Coghlan. But fifty years in the case of beloved players is not an age but a day. Last reasons for reviving this play are that despite its antique devices it still tells a good story, and that the wit has proved sufficiently antiseptic to preserve the happy dialogue. All characters which have lived once upon the stage will live always. Triplet will be a pathetic figure as long as Bloomsbury has garrets and starving poets hungry children; Peg will only cease to moisten our eyes when the acting profession is no longer generous.

Perhaps one might also say that this play will always be worth seeing as long as there are actors to play Triplet as well as Mr. Lawrence Hanray contrived. His performance was beautifully conceived and as beautifully executed in the manner of an older time. Of Miss Olive Sloane I have to write with more reserve. Let me first record that this actress brought to Mrs. Woffington her own natural fund of high spirits and warm feeling. But Peg is a part calling for accomplishment of a very high order, not only for all the raillery and buoyancy of an Ellen Terry in her middle years, but also for that fleeting sunshine and summer rain of which our continual darling was so completely the mistress. Peg's sky is never more than overcast and no actress should attempt the deluge. But Miss Sloane fled to the other extreme and, at the first drop, ran, so to speak, indoors. Unless my eyes deceived me the actress actually cried in places but without conveying any sense that Peg was similarly engaged. For all that I shall salute an honest effort. *Per contra*, Miss Gabrielle Casartelli, whose cheek remained unwet, provoked the audience to a display of handkerchiefs. The supporting company was reasonably good, and Colley Cibber, played by I apologetically forget whom, was first-class.

Arts. **Thursday, November 6.**

"MACHINES."

A Play. By Reginald Berkeley.

If this notice appears a little scamped, it is partly for space reasons and partly because I cannot doubt that this excellent play will be shortly produced publicly. The time to tell its story in detail will be then. At the moment I should like to propose one or two points for the author's consideration. Is "Machines" quite the right title? And is not the thesis a little confused? The curtain is hardly up before we listen to a workman bemoaning the fact that his grandfather at Aylesbury made beautiful hand-made chairs and had to give way to the new factories at High Wycombe. This suggests that Mr. Berkeley would have us go back to hand-loom weaving, black-letter printing, and sawing away at the viol da gamba. This would be wrong. Mr. Berkeley sees that change is inevitable and that the Golden Age of handicrafts could not last for ever and had to be succeeded by the Age of Steel and mechanical obedience. The case which he puts for his workers is that they should be part masters and not the complete slaves of to-day's mechanism, which can only be achieved by giving Labour a voice in the operations of Capital.

At this point the machines drop out, since the play develops into the old hammer-and-tongs conflict between masters and men. "We want a share in the management," say the men. "But you get nine-tenths of the profits and take none of the risks!" retort the masters. "Risks? Was it Tom Snook's arm that was taken off to-day or the managing director's?" is the men's counter. And so the ding-dong battle continues, in the sketchy elementary way which is all the limited scope of a stage-play allows. Later the machines become symbolic of that complicated arrangement which we call the social order, whereby we see how far the play's case has travelled since its first statement in favour of a return to art-and-crafty homespun and sandals as against the products of multiple clothiers. Mr. Berkeley would clarify his play a good deal if he omitted all reference to the Aylesbury chair-maker.

The author has remembered that a play, being a play, must not be about chairs but about the people who sit on them. He, therefore, makes, and rightly, his subsidiary interest the main one. James Mansell, spokesman for Labour, is made to fall in love with Joyce Willoughby, the daughter of the spokesman for Capital. Joyce becomes Mansell's mistress without allowing Mansell to tell her that he is married. This is improbable, though I do not see how Mr. Berkeley is going to alter it. Joyce finances Mansell's schemes, and we reflect that Labour-leaders should have enough sense to keep love and politics apart. But we reflect also that if Mansell had had this sense there wouldn't have been any play, the remainder of which is taken up with showing how the Capitalist machine uses Mansell's weakness to crush him, how Joyce, strung up at what she deems Mansell's faithlessness, falls from him, and how Mansell, after strangling the lady, is strung up in his turn! All of which has singularly little to do with whether foremen should have seats on boards of directors. In other words, the play's title and promise bite off rather more than the subsequent action succeeds in chewing.

But as a piece of playmaking "Machines" is entertaining in the extreme, the only modifications to be suggested concerning an incredible love-scene and a trifle of over-repetition. The happenings in the newspaper-office are exceedingly vivid, and here Mr. Frank Cochrane achieves what, with a better acquaintance with his words, will be a masterpiece of characterisation. But the acting throughout, to which I shall hope to return on another occasion, is of a remarkable excellence, and I willingly testify that in putting this many-sided play on to the tiny stage of the Arts Theatre, in handling it on its arrival there, and in decorating it, the management and Messrs. Henry Oscar and Aubrey Hammond have covered themselves with something uncommonly like glory.

WITH THE AMATEURS.

Last night at the Scala Theatre the Harrodian Amateur Operatic Society concluded a series of performances of "The Vagabond King." More than eighty members of the staff took part in the performance, which was ably produced, reflecting credit on Mr. Arthur C. Chapman, the producer, and Mr. Richard W. Robertson, who has been with the society since its initiation in 1921 as musical director. The important rôle of Villon was in the capable hands of Mr. Harold Trundell, who acted with assurance and sang well, especially in the duet "Only a Rose" with Miss Rosina Biddle, who also sang pleasingly and acted with ease as Katherine de Vaucelles. The part of the disreputable Tabarie was played with distinction by Mr. George Parsons; Mr. Wilfrid Haworth as Louis XI., Miss Muriel Wadley as Margot, and Miss Gladys Bailey as Huguette, were others of a well-chosen company.

G. P.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

To-night.—Strand: "A Murder Has Been Arranged" (Repertory Players).
Nov. 10.—Prince of Wales: "The Man Who Kissed His Wife."
Old Vic: "Richard II."
Embassy: "The Scarlet Lady."
Royalty: "Marriage à la Mode" (transfer).
Nov. 11.—Little: "The Unknown Warrior."
Nov. 12.—Lyric, Hammersmith: "The Toy Cart."
Players: "At Number Fifteen."

"Ever Green" finishes its five weeks' run at the King's Theatre, Glasgow, on Saturday. The theatre was sold out on the day after production for the whole season. Mr. Cochran proposes to open at the Adelphi Theatre on or about November 24. As the box-office at that theatre is not ready, he is opening a temporary one at the Palace Theatre. "Perhaps the principal interest in the show," Mr. Cochran writes, "is that it demonstrates for the first time in England the utility of a revolving stage for a musical show. I am able to show several deep stage sets without intervals. 'Ever Green' has a story that allows me all the scope for production that I enjoy so much in revue. In fact, the finale of a revue at the Casino des Folies, Paris, is an actual incident of the play. The scene which has attracted the most attention in Glasgow is a representation of the Foire de Neuilly, designed by Professor Ernst Stern, who is best remembered in this country for 'The Miracle' at Olympia, and the Viennese café scene of 'Bitter Sweet.'"

Miss Jean Cadell will surprise her admirers by singing and dancing with Mr. Albert Burdon, a popular provincial comedian, who will make his first appearance in London in "Ever Green." Leon Morton returns to the London stage in the part of a Parisian music-hall director; he has a song entitled "Je m'en fiche du sex-appeal." Another artist who has not been seen in London for some time is Miss Joyce Barbour. Miss Jessie Matthews plays an international music-hall star; Miss Kay Hammond, who played in "Nine Till Six" as a mannequin, is a show girl; Miss Jean Barry and Mr. Dave Fitzgibbon do a modern "Blues" dance; and Mr. Sonnie Hale appears, among other things, as a lion tamer and an extemporaneous singer. There are in all 150 people in the cast.

When Diaghilev died lovers of the dance were cast down for more than personal reasons, since it seemed as if ballet in this country were doomed to obscurity. Now, following close on the first performance of the Camargo Society, two or three weeks ago, comes the good news that a Ballet Club is to be formed under the direction of Mme. Marie Rambert, Mr. Ashley Dukes, and Mr. Arnold L. Haskell, with a permanent company of dancers, and a theatre of its own. The Marie Rambert Dancers, recently seen at the Lyric, Hammersmith, will form the nucleus of the company; and the club has premises at 2a, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill Gate, with a small private theatre. It is hoped to give four seasons of three weeks each next year.

"The Man Who Kissed His Wife," by Donald Buckley, will be presented at the Prince of Wales Theatre to-morrow, with a cast including Miss Iris Hoey, Mr. Felix Aylmer, Miss Helen Ferrers, Miss Renee Gadd, Miss Diana Beaumont, Miss Margaret Damer, Miss Kathleen Harrison, Master Bobby Jones, Mr. Denys Blakelock, and Mr. A. Scott-Gatty.

To-morrow also the Embassy Theatre Repertory Players will be seen in a one-act play by Sir Arthur Pinero, "A Seat in the Park," in which Mr. C. M. Lowne, Mr. Andre van Gyseghem, and Miss Joyce Bland will appear, and in Mr. John Hastings Turner's comedy, "The Scarlet Lady," produced at the Criterion Theatre in 1926 with Miss Marie Tempest in the lead. Her part of Alicia Crane will be taken by Miss Edith Sharpe, and the part of Reginald Gill (Mr. Ernest Thesiger's old rôle) will be played by Mr. A. R. Whatmore.

The cast of "The Toy Cart," which Sir Nigel Playfair will present at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, on Wednesday, will include Mr. Franklin Dyall, Miss Madeleine Carroll, Mr. Arthur Hardy, Mr. Ronald Simpson, Mr. Elliott Seabrooke, Mr. Scott Russell, Mr. Keith Pyott, Mr. Ernest Montefiore, Mr. Cecil King, Mr. Ernest Stidwell, Mr. T. A. Shannon, Mr. Arnold Pilbeam, Miss Margaret Yarde, Miss Yvonne Rorie, and Miss Constance Griffith. The scene of the play is in the City of Ujjayin, in the Western part of India. The period is roughly about A.D. 122, but the origin of the story is far older. It will be produced for Sir Nigel Playfair by Mr. Franklin Dyall.

Mr. Ernest Thesiger will direct the next production of the Swanage Repertory Theatre's London season at the Players' Theatre. This will be "At Number Fifteen," by Alma Brosnan, which, originally given by the Repertory Players as a Sunday night performance, was recently produced by Mr. Thesiger for one special matinée.

Mr. Maurice Moscovitch is making his second American appearance, under the management of Charles Dillingham, in "The Merchant of Venice." Mr. Moscovitch opens in Boston to-morrow, and goes to New York two weeks later. A new play will follow the run, and will be produced either in New York or in London.

Mr. Edgar Wallace has completed arrangements with Mr. B. A. Meyer for the transfer of "On the Spot" from Wyndham's Theatre to the Cambridge Theatre to-morrow week, with Mr. Charles Laughton still playing the part of Tony Perelli. Wyndham's is wanted for Mr. Wallace's next production, "The Mouthpiece," which Mrs. Edgar Wallace will present there, with Miss Margaret Bannerman in the leading rôle, on Nov. 19.

Mrs. Frank Worthington's special matinées for charities will take place this year on the first two Tuesdays in December, when she is giving "Contract" a new play by William Devereux. The first performance will be on December 2 at the Phœnix Theatre, lent by Mr. Cochran and Mr. Sidney Bernstein, and will be given in aid of the St. Mary Magdalene's Holiday Home. The other is on December 9 at the Cambridge Theatre, lent by Mr. B. A. Meyer, in aid of the Royal Free Hospital and the Children's Clinic, Marylebone.

It has been decided that Mr. Archibald de Bear's "Chelsea Follies" will be presented by Mr. R. H. Gillespie at the Victoria Palace on or about December 17, following a trial run at Southampton Empire beginning on December 8. Before that time the theatre will be closed for four weeks, during which the auditorium will undergo complete reconstruction, and an entirely new scheme of seating and decoration will be introduced to harmonise with the atmosphere of the "Chelsea Follies" production. The company includes Messrs. Nervo and Knox, Mr. Naunton Wayne, Mr. D. Hay Petrie, Mr. Harold Scott, Mr. Martin Iredale, Mr. Brian Buchel, Mr. Eddie Gray, Mr. Jack Train, Miss Lillebil Ibsen, Miss Maisie Darrell, Miss Anona Winn, Miss Averil Haley, and Miss Pearl Greene. Hal Swain and his Band will provide the musical accompaniments both in the orchestra pit and on the stage.

Mr. Herbert Clayton will present "Little Tommy Tucker," a new all-British musical comedy, his first independent production since the termination of his partnership with Jack Waller, at Daly's on Wednesday week. "Little Tommy Tucker," in this case a girl, is played by Miss Ivy Tresmand. Mr. Gene Gerrard, Miss Rita Page, Mr. Fred Groves, Mr. Melville Cooper, Mr. Alfred Wellesley, Miss Marjorie Chard, and Mr. Leo Sheffield are also in the cast. The book and lyrics are by Messrs. Desmond Carter, Caswell Garth, Bert Lee, and R. P. Weston, and the music by Mr. Vivian Ellis. The dances and ballet will be produced by Mr. Ralph Reader, and the production is in the hands of William Mollison.

D. P.

FILM NOTES.

THE GALA FIASCO.

BRITISH LEVITY ON THE SCREEN.

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

A Gala Presentation of British films. Whoever organised this function—the Film Makers' Group of the Federation of British Industries received the credit for it—may be complimented on the impressive array of white shirts and official decorations displayed in every part of the New Victoria cinema, but except for one nature picture upon very little else in the programme. The films shown were far from representative and were abbreviated to such an extent as gravely to affect their continuity and comprehensibility. The delegates to the Imperial Conference had been invited and sat out bravely two exhibitions of British levity on the screen unparalleled in their farcical and unrestrained humours. Why?

The British artists one and all acquitted themselves well, but the technical skill shown in the productions, apart from the one nature picture in question, was depressingly inferior, and to my mind quite unworthy of such an ambitious occasion. Ralph Lynn and Tom Walls, aided by Mary Brough, Winifred Shotter and Robertson Hare, were very funny in "Plunder," a crook farce that has the supreme fault of including a tragedy as one of its main effects, whilst Owen Nares, Jack Raine, Frederick Volpe, Henry Wenman and George Carr joined forces with Jacqueline Logan, Dodo Watts and Margaret Halstan to make "The Middle Watch" a success. I found myself alternately yawning and guffawing at this latter cockshy at the British Navy, wondering why our gallant Jack Tars should be displayed to the Dominion Premiers as spending their leisure hours after the manner of French comedians in a Palais Royal farce.

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The few moments of national respect and dignity achieved came with the British Instructional Films exhibit, "Plants of the Underworld," a brilliant study of the habits and manners of fungi, mushrooms and such like. This was really worth while.

The Committee tried to excuse the flippancy and folly of its programme in general by claiming that "the film is above all things an entertainment." The National Theatre Council might just as well arrange tabloid performances of "Charley's Aunt," "The Private Secretary," and "When Knights Were Bold" and style the evening A British Drama Festival. No, no. This is definitely not the way to make our Colonies respect us and our industries. A display of any one of Anthony Asquith's film creations would have been very much more to the purpose. And why no Hitchcock?

At the Plaza, admirers of Ann Harding will get full value for their money in her striking performance of "The Girl of the Golden West" in David Belasco's famous melodrama. It is idle to poohpooh this kind of piece. It is the mainstay of the cinema, for the simple reason that it is so far removed from the drab, dull, everyday grind of our city life. It is a tale of regeneration by love, the kind of yarn that seldom fails to captivate the masses. James Rennie and Harry Bannister are good supports.

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Mr. Tom Walls is, to my way of thinking, the finest comedian in British films bar none. If he could only have the advantage of a Hollywood workshop and of Lubitsch to produce him he would quickly develop an international reputation. Consider his powers of facial expression, his dry, sly, unexpected humour, his exquisite, comic gentleness. In Frederick Lonsdale's "On Approval" he runs away with first honours. Edmond Breon is funny, and Yvonne Arnaud and Mary Brough hard-working and conscientious, but it would be a terribly dull and irritating piece if it had not Walls to pull it together every now and again. I cannot imagine the New Gallery Cinema being overcrowded during its visit, but then one never knows.

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I enjoyed hugely "A Lady Surrenders" at the Regal. That admirable actor Conrad Nagel, coupled with Genevieve Tobin and Rose Hobart, helped a ridiculous story to heights of entertainment value that never would have been reached with an inferior cast. Basil Rathbone appears also in this picture to good effect. If only American producers would pay some little attention to probabilities in their stories we should have a much higher opinion of them. They have everything else at their command—lighting, players, decor. But their utter and reckless disregard of common sense is almost criminal.

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Seldom have I encountered a more ludicrous or a more entangled mix-up in the form of a comedy plot than in the film version of a French comedy, entitled "A Matrimonial Problem." The extremes of farce are stretched to the limit, and the work of Frank Fay and James Gleason is helped by Florence Eldridge and Lilyan Tashman with most laughable results.

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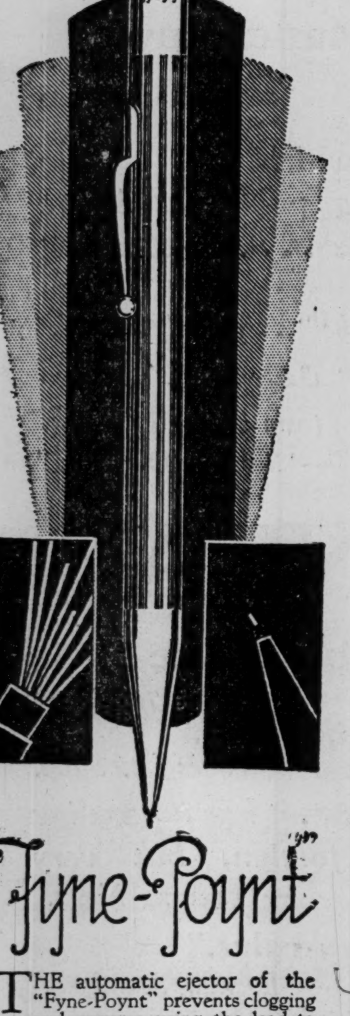

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

THE ENGLISH LYRIC.

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

Mr. John Murray Gibbon, who has already given us an interesting collection of Canadian folk songs, has now laid us under a further obligation with a book ("Melody and the Lyric." By John Murray Gibbon. Dent. 12s. 6d.) that one can either read at a sitting, or, which is better, browse about in for years. His main thesis is that "poetry and music, so far as English literature is concerned, more or less parted company at the end of the seventeenth century, and if any connection remains, that is due rather to the English musician than to the English poet." He has endeavoured, he says, "to trace the musical knowledge and musical acquaintances of the poets from the time of Chaucer to the time of the Cavaliers, and to discover, where possible, the melodies they knew and may have had in their minds when writing their lyrics. . . The influence of dance tunes on English lyrical metres is apparently unknown to most of the authors of the innumerable volumes on English metrics." In support of, and by way of illustration of, this and other theses Mr. Gibbon quotes a large number of old English poems and the music of some two hundred old English songs. Once or twice, perhaps, he rather strains the evidence in favour of his propositions, but in the main he establishes them.

WORDS AND MUSIC.

There is abundant testimony in the old literature to the practice of adapting words to dance tunes, and it is to this practice, no doubt, that we must attribute some of the familiar oddities of old poetic metrics, such as the supplementary "a" in lines like

With these my bears by chance-a,
. . . .
As well as they can dance-a;

where the monosyllabic line-endings have had to be lengthened to fit a pre-existing musical scheme. It is to the adaptation of words to dance tunes, or of new words to old songs, that we owe many of the appalling scansions of the past; the people who could sing some of these songs without getting a dislocated jaw must have been utterly insensible to the genius of the English language. I could wish that Mr. Gibbon had tackled more thoroughly the question of the fitting of words to music in the English song—a question nowhere treated in full detail in our critical literature, I think, though Mr. Colles has thrown a good deal of light on it in his thoughtful, scholarly, and excellently written volume on "Voice and Verse," one of the best books on music in any language. A thorough examination of the question would perhaps help us to correct many errors that must exist in our modern transcription of old melodies, for it is a priori incredible that intelligent beings who understood their own language should ever have accented and phrased it as we are asked to believe they sometimes did.

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At the same time it has to be recognised that, in the past as in the present, not every singer of a song was either poetic or musical, while fewer still were, or are, both; and it is astounding what a numbskull who has no real feeling for either art will tolerate in the way of misplaced accents or spavined rhythm. It is to the credit of the great Elizabethans that for the most part they handled words in connection with song with as much freedom and dexterity as the poets handled them on their own account; and although the poets had not always the same delicacy of feeling for music, I decline to believe that Shakespeare, for instance, would have tolerated for a moment such a barbarism as the alleged fitting of his "Under the greenwood tree" to the tune given by Mr. Gibbon on p. 56.

There was an art in those great days, as the songs of the lutenist composers show, that has never flourished in this country since; when we come to a composer like Henry Lawes, not only has all the subtlety of the earlier blending of words and music been lost, but the exaggerated praise bestowed upon Lawes by Milton and others of his contemporaries shows that his hearers also were inexplicably insensitive to the subtleties of the best Elizabethans. The English song had entered upon a decline that, for one reason after another, endured until the day before yesterday.

A DUBIOUS LEGEND.

Mr. Gibbon, like all writers on the old music, would have us believe that the musical sense among the population of these islands in Tudor times was developed to a point that should be the envy of their degenerate descendants. The alleged evidence to this effect always leaves me unconvinced. We are asked to believe that so musical was everybody that even in the barber's shop there was hanging up a lute which any customer was capable of taking down in order to regale the company with an accompaniment to his own singing. If that be true, I think I understand why men of taste in those days let their beards grow and wore their hair long. It was not economy; it was not untidiness; it was simply that they could not face these impromptu amateur recitals in the barbers' shops.

We are told, again, that a man was thought nothing of unless he could sing a part at sight in any madrigal that might be going. I can only say, in reply to this, that I am glad I was not there to hear these amateurs at their deadly work. The effect must often have been appalling. Our laudators of these intrepid ancestors of ours seem to have missed the significance of a little passage in old Castiglione's famous book, "The Courtier." One of the interlocutors there says, in effect, that it is more honourable to sing alone to the lute than to be one in a madrigal, for in the former case you are right up against it, while in the latter your sins are covered up in the general racket: if you are a soloist "every little error is soon perceived, which happeneth not in singing with company, for one beareth out another." I hazard the revolutionary suggestion that our ancestors' readiness to sing at sight in a madrigal was a proof not of their musical super-endowment but of the lack of a really musical sense both in them and in their hearers. In a truly musical company most of them would probably have been assassinated before they had reached the end of their first page.

MUSIC AND INEBRIETY.

To what are we to attribute the decline in the English song between the days of Shakespeare and the days of Claribel? My own impression is that it was due to the gradual breaking of the old intimate bond between music, beer, and ribaldry. Examine the old literature carefully, and you will see that our great ancestors sang best when they had well drunken. In a manual of conversation of 1572, the father of the family, having asked his children to sing with him in four parts, addresses one of them thus:—"Roland, drink before you begin; you will sing with a better courage"; to which Roland replies, "It is well said; I should not be a singing man except I could drink well." I could quote passages by the dozen to prove the closeness of the connection in the good old days between music and inebriety; and no doubt the decline of the English song is due in large part to the inability of the degenerate progeny of these lusty fellows to carry their drink and their music simultaneously. And since song and a merry spirit go together, it is surely evident that the repression of the latter meant the crippling of the former.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

The Sea Symphony.

We had the rare experience this week of the same work being broadcast twice, Vaughan Williams's "Sea Symphony" coming from Birmingham on Tuesday, and from the B.B.C. concert in Queen's Hall on Wednesday. I listened in to both performances. That from Birmingham did not come through very well, but the London transmission was excellent. Dr. Boult had evidently secured an admirable performance with the B.B.C. Orchestra, the Philharmonic Choir, and Miss Silk and Mr. Roy Henderson as soloists. Earlier in the evening the fine tone and teamwork of the orchestra had been shown in the "Lohengrin" Prelude; and Mr. Adolf Busch had played the solo part in the Beethoven violin concerto in a solid, steady Teutonic style that was not without interest.

The twenty-years-old "Sea Symphony" wears decidedly well; indeed, the result of the two performances of it, on top of three or four fresh readings of the score during the previous few days, left me with a higher opinion of it than I had ever had before. Its claims to be regarded as a "Sea" symphony, by the way, are slight, and I am unable to follow the mental workings of those of my colleagues who solemnly discuss it in its supposed relation to other treatments of the sea in our British literature and art. Apart from the weakest movement—the Scherzo—where the composer has allowed himself to be tempted by the words into the field where he is least at home, that of musical description, the sea, *qua* sea, plays a very small part in the work. The symphony is really a series of philosophical meditations on humanity, its lot and its strivings; and the impulse to these meditations, given the special temperament of Vaughan Williams, could have come just as well from the mountains or the mines as from the sea. Indeed, London, at a later stage in his career, was to move him to precisely the same train of thought, and, in large measure, to precisely the same terms of expression: not only does the noble second movement proceed from the same generic mood as a good deal of the "London" symphony, but the expression is the same, both fundamentally and in many of the details. When a man's music heaves to the same superb ground-swell in two works dating from periods four years apart, one of them ostensibly dealing with London, the other ostensibly dealing with the sea, it is evident that there is no actual "description" of either London or the sea, but that each of them has merely served in turn to liberate a certain philosophical vein in the composer.

Vaughan Williams is better at philosophising than at describing, and better at brooding than at philosophising. It is when he broods that he makes his most characteristic and most valuable contribution to English music; and there are pages in the "Sea Symphony" that get as deep within us as any of the music of our time. I am not sure that this will not prove to be the most enduring of his works, so far as concert performances are concerned; in it we get the full originality of this fine mind, its moving sincerity, its profound thoughtfulness, with an incandescence of musical speech that does not always appear in his later works, in which the brooding sometimes fails to realise itself in a musical expression that can captivate us by its own charm.

A New Delius Sonata.

Miss May Harrison, at her concert on Thursday, showed us her brilliant, virile tone and her easy technique at their best in some movements from an unaccompanied Bach suite, the Vivaldi chaconne (with a new realisation of the cembalo part by Joseph Salmon, which was full of ingenious touches that, if they would have been impossible, or at any rate improbable, in the early eighteenth century, give a decided fillip to the work to-day), and in a finely imaginative performance of Bax's intricately wrought second sonata, with the composer at the piano. Mr. Bax joined her also in the first performance of a new violin sonata—the third—by Delius. I understand that the conception of this dates from about six years ago, but that the disaster to Delius's eyes then made work upon it impossible, and that its composition, in the true sense of the word, was the work of the last few months, the music being dictated to his faithful musical companion, Mr. Eric Fenby, and frequently revised. One's first impression of it is that it is in every way worthy to stand by the side of its two predecessors. There is not a hint of failing powers in it; Delius's physical misfortunes have plainly not impaired in any way the vigour of his brain. Superficially the idiom may seem the same as that of many others of his works, but, as I have tried to show on a previous occasion, although the voice, the characteristic Delius voice, may be the same what it has to say is different in each work, for ears that are tuned to perceive the finer shades of musical thought. The new sonata begins with a sinewy, flexible andante, passes on to a delightfully whimsical scherzo, and ends with a thoughtful lento merging into an allegro, in which a powerful climax shades off into a finely contemplative ending.

The Courtald-Sargent Concert.

Half of the Courtald-Sargent concert on Friday, under Dr. Sargent, was given up to new or unfamiliar works; even Brahms's Alto Rhapsody comes under the latter category, so rarely is it heard in London. Mme. Sigrid Onegin was rather hampered in this by a somewhat unmelodious male voice choir. Nor was her own singing of it ideal; both here and in Mahler's "Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen" she could not quite forget that her main triumphs have been in the field of opera. Hers is a beautiful voice, however, and there were fine touches here and there in all her performances.

Paul Hindemith played the solo part in his new viola concerto. It is not a work that will cause us to alter our general opinion of him as a composer with far more fluency than inspiration; there really seems no reason why this incessant flow of facile commonplace should ever end, except for the reason that Hindemith had no more time on his hands that day. He writes so much and engages in so many other occupations, that it is manifestly impossible for him to have time for much real thinking. His adulators have persuaded him that he is the hope of modern German music, and his belief in his own plenary inspiration is now seemingly so great that he fancies every bit of scribble-scrabble he puts on paper worth publishing and worth hearing. A work like this viola concerto may perhaps best be described as The Idle Thoughts of a Busy Fellow. We were gravely told in the programme note that as a composer Hindemith "has no desire to exploit his own emotions in public." Once upon a time there was a fox who, for reasons that are generally held to have been adequate, had no desire to exploit his own tail in public. E. N.

A Canadian Choir.

Choral singing of a highly sensitive and sympathetic character was heard on Monday from the Canadian Choir, of Brantford (Ontario). It was indeed a pity that Londoners' one opportunity of listening to this competent organisation of some sixty mixed voices, said to be the first from Canada to make a tour of this country, primarily to participate in the Blackpool Festival, should have been offered in the re-echoing Albert Hall, where the finer gradations were bound to suffer diffusion. The tone is sweet, clear, and fairly full—differences in vowel values account for a slightly less open quality than that to which we are accustomed; the balance is admirably held; and the singers have committed the scores to memory. It is significant that they did best in music making the most considerable calls on their capabilities—Mundy's madrigal, "Lightly She Tripped," and the "Nanie" of Brahms. As not infrequently happens with forces trained to this degree, however, the conductor, Frederic Lord, was inclined to conduct note by note. Both the pieces cited were exquisitely vocalised, but the treatment was too similar to bring out, in the round, their essentially diverse characters. The ladies' choir had many moments of fine delicacy in Henschel's "Spring."

W.E.C.C.

For Wednesday evening's Wednesday Evening (Chamber) Concert (a short title is needed: W.E.C.C.?) at Wigmore Hall Sir Hamilton Harty, who played the piano, had with him all kinds of musick—shortly, strings, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn—supplied by departmental leaders of the Hallé Orchestra, Alfred Barker, Leonard Hirsch, Frank Park, Clyde Twelvetrees, Alfred Stott, Fred Tilsley, Pat Ryan, Archie Camden and Raymond Meert. The joyous occasion began with the Mozart Quintet in E flat major (K. 452) for piano and winds. After noting that the piano tone was exactly right (the lid was kept firmly closed and Sir Hamilton schooled the magnificence of its tone), and that of the horn a trifle prominent (but both Mozart and Schubert wrote for an instrument less sonorous than that of to-day), the stage was set for keen enjoyment. We may have heard combinations with a more honeyed finish, but would exchange it for the concerted eloquence of the *Larghetto*, the lively insight of the *Rondo*. The long but fascinating Schubert Octet (Op. 116, F major) went even better; and an evening that justified the enterprise to the hilt concluded with the Brahms Quintet in F minor Op. 34, for piano and strings.

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Miss Raya Garbousova.

Beethoven's 'cello sonata in C minor, Op. 5, No. 2, placed Miss Raya Garbousova's fine musicianship beyond question at her recital at Wigmore Hall on Tuesday. And the Frescobaldi Toccata provided a shapely exhibition of technique. Her methods are vigorous, and sometimes lead to a certain roughness, which further experience will doubtless lead her to subdue; but the playing is always interesting. Miss Lydia Garbousova collaborated at the piano. H. F.

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In a spirited foreword to the catalogue of Mr. Muirhead Bone's exhibition at Messrs. P. and D. Colnaghi's galleries, Mr. R. B. Cunningham Graham observes that in these drawings and water-colours the artist gives us Spain "seen through the eyes," and not through a mist of sentimentality.

The word Spain for most people is more cluttered up with rubbishy romantic associations than almost any other word in the language. The true appearance of the country has seldom been allowed to assert itself in art. Mr. Muirhead Bone is incapable, however, of sentimentality when he sets out to draw what his eyes see. His eyes are phenomenally observant, and his skill in reproducing what they see is little short of the miraculous. He sets down whatever they rest on in its entirety, whether it be only a street corner, a bridge, a doorway, or a whole village or half a town. Even when his vision embraces the whole gigantic "Vega de Granada" he does not hesitate to make a complete picture of that tremendous plain.

Some of his drawings and water-colours add a little to this austerely bare and uncompromising record of externals, for they release in the spectator's mind a flood of new impressions, a sort of emanation from the place itself. Such is the overwhelming "Apse of San Feliu, Gerona," an impressive study of the exterior of those great curved walls, composed of large square bricks, in whose shadows walk the shovel-hatted priests. The dark-toned drawing of Torquemada's house, the gloomy "Rock Tomb" in Covadonga, and the delightful sunny steps of the cathedral at Gerona are further examples of Mr. Bone's power of expressing that mysterious something we call the *genius loci*.

To his wide range of subject-matter Mr. Bone adds complete mastery of a variety of styles. He shows drawings in pure delicate pen-line, vigorous impressions in black chalk, pencil drawings heightened by deft but sparing washes of colour. But whatever style or subject he chooses, Mr. Bone is always pre-eminently a draughtsman, a draughtsman with a sense of style, who records the truths of vision, but always presents them with dignity and distinction.

LAURA KNIGHT'S CIRCUS.

For all her admitted skill and accomplishment in painting, Dame Laura Knight is apt to miss imparting dignity to the renderings of her chosen subjects, and since in her exhibition at the Alpine Gallery her subjects are almost exclusively drawn from the circus-ring, the total effect of her collection of paintings and drawings approaches perilously near to the garish.

Dame Knight can draw with great accuracy and distinction when she chooses to do so, and the form in many of her water-colours—in "Barbara" (25), "The Skewbald Horses" (29), and "Trying Her Points" (48), for example—is expressed with economy and in a convincing manner. But in her oil paintings she is apt to lose that clear precision of contour in her search for decorative effect. The question remains whether the artist gains more than she loses in exchanging the compact definition of her drawings for the loose brilliance of her oils. People who like vivid orchestrations of bright colour will find much to please them in such pictures as "The Rosin-Backs" (2), and "Waiting in the Horse Tent" (13), but they are not likely to attract others who find their ideal in a quiet life—when possible. Most of these pictures and drawings deal very much with the surface of circus life—a variegated surface which appeals to those who like the glittering—but in "Les Trois Graces Ballaquher" (46) there is, consciously or unconsciously, an *arrière pensée* of the pathos behind the paint and powder which gives it some increased interest, at least to the philosophic mind.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF PORTRAIT PAINTERS.

There is much commendable work in the Grafton Galleries, where the thirty-ninth exhibition of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters has just opened. The level of technical excellence maintained throughout the exhibition is as high as ever. The majority of the exhibitors are competent rather than distinguished portrait painters. A tour of the galleries provokes a feeling of satisfaction at seeing so much work well done (there are more than 300 exhibits) rather than any great enthusiasm for the pictorial results of all this painting activity. Nevertheless, there are a number of portraits which lend distinction to the walls, and some that give considerable æsthetic pleasure.

Interest in the Octagon gallery is centred in Sir William Orpen's vivacious "conversation piece" of a horseman and his dog, entitled "A Sporty Gentleman and Monsieur Funny," and Sir John Lavery's brilliant painting of that veteran sportsman, the Earl of Lonsdale. Harold Knight's fine portrait of Signor Modigliani (in whose care the Italian masterpieces came to England last January), Mrs. Flora Lion's lustrous painting in red and gold and blue of the Hon. Mrs. Colbourne-Vivian and Howard Somerville's attractive "Miss Norah Baring," a painting which shows a very subtle handling of blacks of varying intensity, are other good things in this gallery.

In the main gallery attention is first focussed on Mr. Oswald Birley's magnificent portrait of H.M. the King, and then on the same artist's extremely decorative full-length painting of a royal dancer of Bangkok. Two exhibits which would not have seemed out of place in any exhibition of thirty years or more ago are J. H. Lorimer's "The late Edward Wyld," and a large scale composition by W. B. E. Ranken entitled "Rouge et Noir." The latter depicts a group of women in early twentieth-century costume, and the former a sportsman of approximately the same date, in brown velvet. Both paintings charm because they evoke so strongly the recent past, but Mr. Lorimer's portrait also has pictorial qualities to recommend it.

There are several charming child portraits. Mrs. Muriel Wheeler's painting of a solid little person, catalogued as "My Daughter," Miss Tatham's portrait of a bald baby called "Karen Elizabeth," Doris C. Zinkeisen's study of a belligerent little girl, "Fierce Anne," and Mrs. Lion's pink and gold "Jean" were all particularly noticed.

AUSTRIAN POLL TO-DAY.

NATIONAL COUNCIL TO BE CHOSEN.

FOURTEEN PARTIES.

All the 165 members of the new Austrian National Council will be elected to-day. The results of the polling in all twenty-five electoral districts will probably not be known before Tuesday or Wednesday.

Fourteen parties have submitted their lists of candidates to the electoral authorities, says Reuter's Vienna Correspondent. The majority of them seem to have no prospects. Conditions were similar in 1927 when of thirteen parties who had put up candidates only four succeeded in obtaining seats, viz.,

Christian Socialist Party, 73;
Great German People's Party (Pan-Germans), 12;
Land League, 9; and
Social Democratic Party, 71.

Therefore, the majority for the Government, consisting of the first-mentioned three parties, possessed 94 seats against 71 occupied by the Social Democratic Opposition.

A month ago the attitude of the Chief of the Christian Socialist Party, Karl Vaugoin, the then Vice-Chancellor and Minister of National Defence in Dr. Schober's Cabinet, led to the latter's retirement. The coalition between the three anti-Socialist bourgeois parties was thus destroyed, and to strengthen the position of his party the present Chancellor Vaugoin concluded an alliance with the Heimwehr (called fascists by the Social Democrats).

AN UNEVEN ALLIANCE.

The co-operation between the two, however, is not of the same strength in all provinces. While in Vienna and Lower Austria they have joined lists of candidates for the "Christian Socialist Party and Heimwehr," in other provinces both act independently of each other, their lists of candidates there being entitled "Christian Socialist Party" and "Heimatblock" respectively.

The two former allies of the Christian Socialists, the Great German People's Party and the Land League, and some other small groups, have formed a union called "National Economic Block and Landbund," under Dr. Schober, the Police Commissioner of Vienna and ex-Chancellor, whose name alone is a programme. Dr. Schober, who has never belonged to a political party, considers the maintenance of peace and order, the economic reconstruction of Austria, and the greatest economy in the administration of the State as the most important duties of the Government.

In the programme of the Social Democrats the dissolution and disarmament of all semi-military organisations in the country on both sides are demanded in order to lessen the Fascist and monarchist danger.

THE AUSTRIAN "NAZIS."

The Austrian National Socialist Workmen's Party, who are not very strong, regard Hitler as their leader, and their views are about the same as those of the "Nazis" in Germany. Other small parties or groups are the Democratic Centre Party, with adherents in some Vienna districts alone, the Jewish National Party, the Communists, the Austrian People's Party, representing the interests of persons living on their small private means, the Monarchist Party, and the Party Fighting for the Rights of Men.

There are many politicians in Austria who do not expect any essential changes in the composition of the future National Council as a result of the elections, and certainly not such far-going ones as in Germany. It is not regarded as probable that the Social Democrats (now 71 strong) will obtain the absolute majority in the new House (83 seats), but it is quite possible that they will become the strongest party and the Christian Socialists the second strongest

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By **DESMOND MacCARTHY.**

Only one English writer (as far as I know) has contributed in any appreciable measure to research on the subject of Voltaire—that learned, cantankerous, arrogant scholar, Churton Collins, who never received his due either in rewards or admiration, and at last, unable to stand disappointment and worry any longer, took the short way out of life. His essay on "Voltaire in England" was at its date, 1886, an addition to literary history. But English literature has contributed two portraits of Voltaire: Carlyle's and Mr. Lytton Strachey's ("Books and Characters," 1922). Carlyle painted him twice, in his once much-read essay "Voltaire", and again in his "History of Frederick the Great": "That thin long Gentleman, with high-heeled shoes, and the daintiest polite attitudes and paces; in superfine coat, laced hat under arm; nose and underlip ever more like coalescing (owing to decay of teeth), but two eyes shining on you like carbuncles; and in the ringing voice, such touches of speech when you apply for it!"

In Carlyle's pen-portraits the external touches are always vivid, and the inner man dramatically and unforgettably simplified. Carlyle would have come to detest and despise Voltaire if he had studied him closer and longer, but he seems a perfect subject for Mr. Strachey. Voltaire would be far more sympathetic to him than any figure he has yet chosen for a sitter. It would be good for his art to find himself for a change constantly resisting temptation to be "too kind, too kind." While the contrast between Voltaire's valiant public magnanimity and his personal pettiness, between his ruthless ridicule and his outraged indignation when attacked himself, between the positive clarity of his ideas on every topic and their jumbled inconsistency, between his timid circumspection and his recklessness, his persistent mendacity and his direct sincerity, would give ample opportunities for the exercise of Mr. Strachey's irony. We may be sure that though hiding nothing, Mr. Strachey would in this instance excuse much. What a literary treat it would be for us to find him suggesting (he would do it so well) that to those who have done so much much must be forgiven! Yes. reading the above biography has made me wish that Mr. Strachey would undertake the Life of Voltaire.

Earlier Biographies.

The chief merit of this latest biography is that the account of the youth of Voltaire is fuller than any other English biographers have given. For many years in England Lord Morley's "Voltaire" (1872) held the field. It was not a good book, and distinctly inferior to his "Diderot." The late Lord Morley was serious in a mode which prohibited him from writing well about Voltaire. He was a reverential sceptic, a puritan, an optimistic but slightly depressed contemplative humanitarian; and the act of thought was inseparable in his eyes from an attitude of high seriousness. What disqualifications for writing about a man who had no sense of reverence whatever, who was practically dogmatic, flippantly sceptical, who thoroughly believed in pleasure, despised mankind, took a ceaseless delight in the play of intelligence for its own sake, and was gayest when in deadly earnest! Lord Morley's own style, too, was one in which it was impossible to describe such a man.

It was not until 1903 that another English writer tried to supplement his deficiencies. Miss Tallentyre's Life was a vivacious and entirely flattering portrait. She strung together a great number of amusing anecdotes and descriptions; she stressed Voltaire's active benevolence and his deism. The reader got the impression that he was not an impious mocker after all, but only an enemy of intolerance. That was all the famous cry, "Ecrasez l'infâme", came to in her book. There was no vivid suggestion in it of the game, daemonic, childish, charming and shocking old person, chuckling and whistling over the welter of the world from his safe retreat at Ferney. Reading Miss Tallentyre one could think of him as the wittiest of men whose combativeness took mainly an unselfish form, who spent his life, apart from literature, in defending such victims as Calas, Sirven, La Barre, and Lally—battles which certainly did him great honour. There was, of course, much in her amusing book beside, but it was essentially a rehabilitation of an impious person.

Mr. J. M. Robertson's monograph (1922) I have not read; but having some knowledge of his other books, I feel safe in guessing that it is an estimate from the point of view of the good secularist, and that Voltaire will be treated in it as a champion of free-thought. It was not until Mr. Richard Aldington contributed his Voltaire to Messrs. Routledge's Republic of Letters series in 1925 that we received a more comprehensive monograph on the subject; and it is to this book, rather than to the most recent one on Voltaire, that I should like to send readers.

Mr. Aldington's Voltaire.

It is a book modest in aim. Mr. Aldington sets out to provide a guide book to a continent, but that aim is thoroughly carried out. The emphasis is upon Voltaire as a man of letters rather than as an influence, political and social, though that aspect is not ignored. It is not so good a piece of work as M. Gustave Lanson's short study, but it is excellent and entertaining. He begins by summing up the English "legend" of Voltaire. These are the associations evoked by the word "Voltaire":—

> First, as a kind of general symbol of his personality, Voltaire is the famous smile of Houdon's statue, an enigmatic smile, sharp yet kindly, mocking but wise, the smile of a Pan with a Jesuit education. Next, Voltaire is the "precursor of the Revolution" and the violent (but now discredited) opponent of Christianity; sometimes he is the "defender of rationalism". of deism, and the Calas family. Then there are echoes of that extraordinary novel, his life—his early satires and the beating he received from the Chevalier de Rohan's servants, his Bastille days, the visit to England (where, of course, he acted as a "French spy"), his skirmishes with the French Government and the persecution he endured for trying to introduce the ignorant French people to some of the perfection of English life and politics, his flights and concealments, his life with Mme. du Châtelet at Cirey, his flirtation with Frederick and the years at Potsdam and Berlin, "Dr. Akakia," his old age at Lausanne and Ferney, Mme Denis and the Calas family, his immense fortune, his "meanness and treachery," his squabbles with petty writers, "Fréron and Piron," the last journey to Paris, the apotheosis of the Comédie Française, his death and burial, the final translation of his remains to the Panthéon during the Revolution. Then, though their general excellence is rarely allowed, come Voltaire's works—"Candide" and a few other novels of the same type, the letters on England, the philosophical dictionary, the "reprehensible 'La Pucelle'", the "unreadable 'Henriade'", the "dreary tragedies" and "unimportant minor poems", the "Age of Louis XIV.", and the "History of Charles XII.", the letters and "other miscellaneous writings." . . .

Mr. Aldington succeeds in showing the relation of the "legend" to the facts and in helping us to readjust our sense of proportion. His appreciation of Voltaire as a man of letters is admirable. Of his dramas and their immense contemporary success he says, "Audiences grow weary of masterpieces when repeated too often; they are indignant when a new kind of excellence is presented to them; what they want is the old dish dressed up with new spices. That is what Voltaire did with French tragedy." Voltaire introduced into Post-Racinean tragedy a dash of Shakespearean melodrama, with the profundity and poetry and characterisation omitted. Of course, though Voltaire himself would be horrified at the "taste" of an age which preferred his "contes" to his tragedies, such work is not of permanent interest. So much then for Voltaire as a dramatist.

Poet and Philosopher.

His poetry at its best has the exquisite neatness and sufficiency of his prose. He has the grace of Prior in his light verse and more wit. "La Pucelle", which is a triumphant expression of his early "libertinisme"—the key is struck in the first line,

Je ne suis né pour célébrer les saints—

he considered superior to "La Henriade", and posterity has confirmed that judgment with more enthusiasm than he would have appreciated, though "La Pucelle" also is not much to their taste. In what sense was Voltaire a philosopher? In the modern sense he was not a philosopher at all. He had no originality as a thinker. He was a sponge that soaked up other people's ideas and expressed them in a brilliant fashion peculiar to himself. Few men of intellect have puzzled less over the nature of the Universe or of man, but he had very clear notions as to how men ought to live. According to his own definition of a philosopher as an "amateur de sagesse", he was one, and one of the most effective in concerting others that has ever lived.

The object of thought to him was entirely practical, and metaphysics "the art of reasoning about that which we do not know," which it was the mark of the true philosopher to ignore. He was the most passionately curious of men, curiosity amounted to a genius in his case, it was universal—but it stopped at the Universe. Nor did he ever lose himself in the pursuit of knowledge. This sounds like the description of a dilettante. Yet that was precisely what he was not. He loved to conclude, and for practical reasons. Was he an optimist or a pessimist? It is impossible to say. When he edited Pascal, he wrote, "J'ose prendre le parti de l'humanité contre ce misanthrope sublime": he was an optimist. Again he summed up his view of life by saying, "Le monde est un grand naufrage. La devise des hommes est *sauve qui peut!*" Did he believe in God? Yes: here is the world. someone must have made it—a clock implies a clock-maker. What is more, if there was no God it would be necessary to invent one—to keep the lower classes in order. "Il faut une religion pour la canaille." Yet his drift as an historian is to show that all is chance, and a great proportion of his comments on the world tend to show that the clock is a mad piece of work and never regulated.

As a Prose Writer.

Yet on the whole Voltaire's writings are an immense stimulant. "On the whole," as Mr. Aldington says, Voltairean satire is an encouragement not to look at things too solemnly and lugubriously.

> Let us be reasonable, but let us make life endurable; we may not be immortal, the world may be and probably is a mass of ills, sufferings, and stupidities, but for God's sake let us crack a jest when we may. Let us, in fact, model ourselves upon the sage of Ferney; let us be active, industrious, sober, witty, ironic, and philanthropic, Deistic, well-informed, and cheerful Rationalists; the deuce take the Pope and Rousseau, the Jesuits and the Jansenists, Leibnitz and Calvin, all the fanatic and the excessive, gloomy misanthropy and absurd optimism; let us mind our own business and cultivate our own gardens. Ituriel, the guardian genius of the earth, having received Babouc's report, "resolved to allow the world to go its own way; for, said he, if all is not well, it is all tolerable." This is the "lesson" of many of these brilliant little pieces; it is madness to hope for the earthly paradise, fantastic to assert that all is well with the world, idiotic to be gloomy about it; make the best of what you have.

That is a very fair summary. And with what point, rapidity and grace he repeated himself a hundred times! Mr. Aldington points out that Voltaire possessed the "tact of omission" which makes the difference between a dull and a lively writer: and quotes Montesquieu as saying "That the art of writing lies in skipping intermediate ideas." It is the movement of Voltaire's mind that fascinates us, the quickness of a fish in its own element; for, oddly enough, though Voltaire was perpetually finding fault with the world, few men have been more completely at home in it.

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The work of an enthusiast, this book will be genuinely helpful to those interested in the survival of old customs in Great Britain. Mr. Long has tabulated in monthly sequence and with exact date the various festivals he has attended and now describes. Under his guidance the lover of the past will know just when to bend his steps to Bampton or Abbot's Bromley, to Ilmington or Hawick. Let him by no means omit to visit Bampton (Oxon) at Whitsuntide if he would see morris dancing at its best, of all our ancient customs perhaps the most curious and engaging. Nothing notable is omitted from Mr. Long's Calendar. To mention some of the less familiar occasions, there is the Woodmen's Wardmote at Meriden, the Horn dance at Abbot's Bromley (Staffs), with its Shakespearean echo, "What shall he have that killed the deer?" and the Riding the Marches at Hawick, a festival that occupies four days, during which all business is suspended. The men of Hawick celebrate a raid by their ancestors which did something to atone for that defeat at Flodden whose tragic sorrow is enshrined, not in history only, but in unfading minstrelsy.

Mr. Long has been an eye-witness of all that he describes, and his own camera has supplied the numerous illustrations. When he deviates into speculation upon origins he treads on uncertain ground. Thus he inclines to attribute the carrying of a cardboard beribboned ship at Minehead, with a cow's tail attached, to the tradition of an eighteenth-century wreck. One has seen just such a vessel, though lacking the appendage, borne into church at Port-Vendres on a fisherman's festival; and a religious pre-Reformation source might be suggested for the Minehead custom. On such matters dogmatism is probably unwise.

THE CHARTISTS.

"The Age of the Chartists." By J. L. Hammond and Barbara Hammond. (Longmans. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by PHILIP MORRELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, who are already well known as the authors of "The Town Labourer," "The Village Labourer," and other important books dealing with the period before the Reform Bill, have now turned their attention to the conditions of the thirties and the forties. They call their new book a study of discontent, which, as subtitles go, is not a bad description. But why, it may be asked, should we be invited to study so dismal a subject? Is there not enough discontent in the world of to-day? Is it necessary to dwell at such length on the discontent of eighty and ninety years ago? How much better to think of the actions of the noble and the wise, rather than to fix our attention on the discontent and poverty of the poor! To which the reviewer, if he is wise, will make some such reply as this. The purpose of history, he will say—the only sort of history that is worth writing—is to describe the past, not as we should like to see it, or as it might edify us to imagine it, but as it really was. And if there is anything that is certain about the past, it is this: that behind all the wars and battles, and marches and counter-marches, and treaties and proclamations, and the noble or ignoble deeds of Kings and Emperors, and other great people with which the pages of our history books are filled, you may hear the murmur of man's unhappiness, his discontent with things as they are, sometimes subdued and almost somnolent, at others rising to a storm that threatens to overwhelm us all, and now and then does so, when we call it a Revolution.

A Preliminary Criticism.

All history, then, in a sense, is a study of discontent; but there are times, no doubt, in the history of every nation when the discontent is more violent, or at any rate more vocal, than at others. And the age of the Chartists (1832 to 1854) was one of these. The authors, indeed, disclaim any intention of writing a history of the Chartist Movement. "That movement," they say, "so long neglected by historians has been treated in three excellent books, all published in the last twenty years," and they quote the names of three books, one of them by a Frenchman and the others by two young Englishmen, Mark Howell and Julius West, both lately dead. So they leave it to us to refer to these books for our narrative of events. Their only concern is with the condition of society out of which the Chartist agitation arose. I confess that I regret this limitation. I like the sense of flow which a narrative of events gives one; I find even the table of dates at the end of this volume—a most useful and excellent table—a great consolation I do not want to have to refer to some other book, whether written by a Frenchman or a young Englishman, in order to know what happened; and I have the feeling as I read the Hammonds' book that if all the facts and conditions which they describe so vividly had been grouped round some central narrative of events—however slowly the stream of their narrative had moved—the book would have been even more fascinating than it is.

Our Only Surprise.

But that is my only adverse criticism, and it may perhaps be thought irrelevant. For Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, it will be said, are highly experienced writers. They have an intimate acquaintance with the period they set out to describe, and if they find it more convenient to write round their subject, approaching it again and again from different points of view, is it for us to object? There may even be those among my readers who will prefer this discursive and philosophic method of writing history. At any rate, the authors succeed, by however long a process, in reaching their goal. They are attempting, as they say, to describe the society that was brought into existence by the great changes of the time; those changes which we know by the name of the industrial revolution—the first efforts to regulate its life and the discontent that distinguished this phase of English history, and, so successfully do they do this, our only surprise is that the discontent was not far worse and more violent than it was. For the most part, indeed, it was not violent at all but merely vocal, and before very long, as we know, the whole agitation died away, and the nation ascended or subsided into the rather smug prosperity of the mid-Victorian era.

Pious Wolves.

But let no one therefore suppose that the agitation was unjustified or the discontent unreal. The conditions, for instance, that are revealed in the chapters entitled "The State of the Towns" and the "Loss of Playgrounds" are so terrible and so cruel that you read with a kind of indignant approval those verses by Ebenezer Elliott which are quoted at the head of one of them:—

> Wolves with the heart of devils
> They steal our footpaths, too!
> The poor man's walk they take away,
> The solace of his only day,
> Where now, unseen, the flowers are blowing,
> Where, all unheard, the stream is flowing.
> What worse could devils do?

Of course the poet did not realise that the men who did these things—who collected helpless people into slums of unspeakable filth by the offer of high wages, and then deprived them of all outlet, except into the factories, and all opportunity for healthy recreation—were neither wolves nor devils, but pious God-fearing men, who really believed they were doing their best for their country. Lord Palmerston, for instance, though perhaps not particularly pious, was at least a patriotic and apparently good-natured man, who became in time enormously popular. Yet even 'old Pam," with his great park and magnificent houses, was a strong supporter of the Act of 1845 for speeding up the enclosure of the commons, on the ground that the existence of these open spaces was bad for the morality of the labouring classes. What the labouring classes required, he said, was "constant employment, where moral conduct was regarded, and where there was a strict attention to the rights of others." This is indeed a most interesting book, throwing a flood of light upon the conditions out of which, whatever we may think of our present state, it is a blessing to have emerged.

A PUCKISH OBSERVER.

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Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

Service to the State, which is illustrated in several memoirs of the moment, seems to possess an irresistible attraction not only for the individual citizen but for whole families, and that, too, in all classes of the community, especially among ourselves.

The career of Charles (Talbot), twelfth Earl and first Duke of Shrewsbury (1660-1718), familiar as the King of Hearts, is a corroborative case in point. In the oft-quoted letter he wrote from the Continent in June, 1701, to Lord Somers, he expressed his astonishment that "a man can be found in England, who has bread, that will be concerned in public business. Had I a son," he continued, "I would sooner breed him a cobbler than a courtier and a hangman than a statesman." No doubt he felt this at times, but in practice he simply could not avoid dabbling in "public business," beginning at his majority with a conventional Lord-Lieutenancy. Indeed, he seemed to feel himself so necessary as a cog in the wheel of State that he flirted in turn with the Revolution, the Restoration, and the Jacobites. When he flung up his first Secretaryship of State after holding it only eighteen months, Clarendon wrote that "his conduct is to many a mystery"; and a mystery it has always remained, for his latest biographer, Professor Turberville, who has curtailed and finished a larger life begun by Mr. Nicholson, says that in his career "there had been much that was unsatisfactory," but he credits him broadly with "political sagacity." In other words, he had an instinct for service to the State, and this little sketch brings it out with great clarity.

The Born Administrator.

A far more inspiring figure was Vere Henry Fergusson (1891-1927), whose wonderful career, beautifully told by "himself and some of his friends," makes "Fergie Bey" one of the most inspiring books that could possibly be given to a young man. The only son of Colonel Fergusson of the King's Bodyguard, he had service to the State in his very bones, though our rule of thumb competition system nearly lost the State a great administrator, for he was spun in turn from the Navy and Sandhurst, getting his commission only after six years in the ranks, from which he was once bought out. Nothing, however, could daunt so fine a spirit. He proved a good soldier, but his highest qualities came up when he was transferred, in 1919, to the Civil Administration of the Sudan Government in the Eastern Barh-el-Ghazal. The fact that he had first 'listed at Gravesend, where Chinese Gordon had done such good work, and that he had gone up the Nile in the forty-five-year-old dahabeeah which had taken Gordon on his last trip to Khartum, were almost pointers to his fortune and fate, for after reigning over the Nuers with uncanny skill—"I'm a ruddy autocrat" he modestly put it—and rendering them the utmost service, he was done to death by some malcontents, the final spear blow being struck, most ironically, by a malformed dwarf, a hunchback. "Fergie Bey," who belonged to a great tradition, showed how splendid our youth to-day can be.

Service in India.

Frederick St. George de Latour Tucker (1853-1929), better known as Commissioner Booth-Tucker, and in India, where he was born, as "Fakir Singh," was also in the great tradition, for his family had been in the service of the State for generations, and he himself spent seven years in the Indian Civil Service before joining the Salvation Army in 1881. In the line of the great missionaries, he understood the Indian thoroughly, and was never so happy as when wandering from village to village, barefooted and carrying a beggar's bowl, arguing with Mohammedans and preaching to Hindus. Though he became a member of the Booth family on marrying the General's daughter, Emma, in 1888, and adopting her name, he stood by the reformers in the struggle for the leadership in 1928. That is why Mr. Mackenzie is so well qualified to appraise his ardent sense of high service.

Many Services.

When the Great War broke out Sir Ellis Hume-Williams was 51, but his first thought was "How to get a job of some sort at the Front." He tried everything, but was turned down, and then went out with Dr. Hector Munro's ambulance to Belgium. Called to the Bar in 1881, he had tried to get into Parliament in 1895 and 1900, but had to wait ten years. Meanwhile he became a Recorder. All these experiences, including his practice at the Bar, make an interesting book, the unobtrusive level-headedness of which gives unusual force to the last chapter, in which he discusses women as he has seen them in the divorce court, deciding provocatively that, "strange as it may seem, women are less faithful than men."

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A French Soldier.

Service to the State is not always recognised by the State. Thus, when on July 14, 1919, those who led the French armies to victory marched under the Arc de Triomphe, General Sarrail was not among them. "And yet," he told an interviewer in 1921, "I thought I had achieved something"; while M. Painlevé, at his funeral in 1929, said:

> **Sarrail saved Verdun in spite of G.Q.G. He held Salonika in spite of the culpable weakness of M. Briand. In spite of Clemenceau, he paved the way for the final victory in the East. He saved the Christians of Syria from massacre [in 1925] in spite of the Colonial Office [and others].**

If you want to understand how Sarrail again and again fell into "disgrace" you must read Paul Coblentz's book, which shows the sense of irony in its hero, who certainly was right in believing that the Germans, following the Schlieffen plan, would go through Belgium. Had the French staff felt the same, the British Army would have come off better; though that might not primarily have interested Sarrail, who, in passing the Union Jack in 1925, said: "There is my implacable enemy." Yet his own France treated him far from kindly.

An American Soldier.

Following the lead of the late Colonel Henderson, whose "Stonewall Jackson" became a classic on the instant, it is very interesting to see how other British military writers are evaluating the great American soldiers. Quite recently we have had brilliant studies of Grant and Sherman on the Federal side, and now Captain Sheppard of the Tank Corps tackles the Confederacy's greatest cavalryman, General Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-77), whom Sherman considered as the "most remarkable man the Civil War produced on either side." Born in Tennessee, and quite uneducated, Forrest was in turn horse and slave dealer and cotton planter, and did not think of service to his State until he was 40, when he joined his native South as a trooper and rose to be a general. Captain Sheppard has written a very lively book about his military career, closing with a curious interview with an old Confederate general who described Forrest thus: "Not a Napoleon, perhaps, but something a damn sight less unlike one than any other man we—or the Yankees either for that matter—ever had." And so Forrest has "ridden thunderously forward into history."

MRS. EDDY.

"Mary Baker Eddy: A Lifesize Portrait." By Lyman P. Powell. (Nisbet. 20s.)

Reviewed by EDWARD SHILLITO.

As a study of the founder of the Christian Science Church this book could have been reduced by half without any loss; it contains also an interesting anthology of verse and prose, but the literary quotations do not add much to the real purpose of the book, which is to give an impartial portrait of Mrs. Eddy. The author has so much to give of real value that it is a pity he has not made better use of it. His method seems to be the throwing together of the contents of a dossier which contains documents of various kinds bearing upon the life of Mary Baker Eddy, and the book thus becomes a medley of facts, gossip, testimonies, and other things.

"I can promise to be sincere, I cannot promise to be impartial," a great man once said; the author of this book is not a member of the Christian Science Church; he writes as a friend uncommitted to its doctrines, but enthusiastic in his admiration for its practical demonstration of Christian living. He is clearly sincere, but he can scarcely be called impartial. He is so enthusiastic an admirer of the founder of "Christian Science" that he takes sides throughout and establishes himself her defender, offering sometimes comments of a most uncritical character.

But it should be said that the book does provide most important material for those who wish to know what manner of woman Mrs. Eddy was. The author gives, indeed, what will be found a convincing picture of one side of this teacher, who has laid the impress of her thought and experience and faith upon so many people. But the book will not be found in any sense a complete apologia for her; the things for which students will look first are discussed inadequately.

Mrs. Eddy's Teaching.

With the underlying philosophy of "Science and Health" the author does not deal adequately, though he says much of the actual writing and re-writing of the book. It is throughout rather those elements in Mrs. Eddy's teaching which are less distinctive that are discussed. Without doubt he shows her to have been a most devout woman, but he does not explain in sufficient detail how she arrived at her distinctive doctrines and what these meant to her. With all this he adds many telling testimonies to the practical power of that teaching, and pays his sincere tribute to the societies which owe their origin to Mrs. Eddy. He speaks with admiration, not too great, for their international newspaper; he points out how they have found in their worship a return to the simple Christian way of testimony, and how they claim to have rediscovered the Christian way of dealing with sickness.

The book is equipped with an excellent index which will counteract some of its discursiveness; it has valuable data, and is a contribution to the subject, but scarcely a "lifesize portrait." It does not close in any way the controversies upon which it touches; but to those who are critical of the character of Mrs. Eddy it gives material which ought to be weighed.

ENGLISH LIBERTY.

"The Crisis of English Liberty: A History of the Stuart Monarchy and the Puritan Revolution." By Sir John A. R. Marriott. (Clarendon Press. 15s.)

Reviewed by HAROLD COX.

Sir John Marriott has added another most interesting volume to the important contributions he has already made to English literature. It is a concise history of the Stuart period, and the conflicts which then raged between King and Parliament. The production of this new book, he states, is primarily due to the growing tendency of to-day towards the establishment of bureaucratic tyranny which has aroused anxiety in his mind as well as in many other minds as to the future of English liberty. In the prologue he points out how Parliament to-day—largely perhaps as the result of the unwise extension of its activities—is no longer able itself to grapple with all the problems which our politicians flatter themselves they can solve. As a result the work of legislation is largely left to officials. Acts are passed containing clauses empowering different Government offices to supplement the work of Parliament by regulations of their own. Indeed, the Acts themselves are often drafted by Government officials, almost inevitably inspired by the bureaucratic mentality. Thus, though in theory the House of Commons is now supreme, in practice it is the servant of the bureaucracy.

Parliament and the Crown.

These facts naturally recall the struggles of the seventeenth century, and Sir John Marriott has produced a very useful and concise account of how these struggles began, were carried on, and ended. Under the Tudors there had been maintained a friendly relationship between Parliament and the Crown, but when the first of the Stuarts came down from Scotland to ascend the throne of England a different atmosphere was developed. James I. seems to have possessed an overpowering belief in the divinity of the Crown, and at once controversy arose as to whether that view could possibly be adapted to the English Constitution. The issues speedily became complicated. Did ultimate sovereignty reside in the King alone, or in the King combined with Parliament, or in Parliament alone, or, as the "Levellers" of that time taught, did it reside with the people? One of the first practical issues that emerged from this theoretical controversy was the position of the Speaker of the House of Commons. Was he to be treated as a nominee of the Crown, or was he to be treated as the spokesman of the House? Incidental to this issue was the claim of the King to control debates in the House of Commons. This aroused fierce protests, and the Commons drew up a declaration in which they claimed "that the liberties, franchises, and jurisdictions of Parliament are the ancient and undoubted birthright and inheritance of the subjects of England." In answer to this declaration King James I. dissolved Parliament, and with his own hand tore the offensive page from the journals of the House. Sir John Marriott adds in an interesting footnote that the original page has since been restored, and may be seen to-day in the House of Commons.

Power of the Purse.

An even more fundamental quarrel arose over the question of the power of the purse. It was on this issue, as most Englishmen are well aware, that the English Parliament came into being, but in the course of centuries the Crown had retained or acquired various traditional rights to impose particular indirect taxes. As long as Parliament and the Crown were on friendly terms, as they were in the Tudor period, this did not matter much; but when quarrels developed under the Stuarts the issue became one of supreme importance, for the King was trying to expand his powers of taxation, while the Commons realised that unless they insisted on the full power of the purse their authority would disappear. Sir John Marriott gives an interesting account of the various detailed issues which arose during this conflict.

The whole book is worth reading as a record of the struggles which Englishmen carried on in the seventeenth century for the preservation and extension of their liberties, and Sir John Marriott is right in urging that the record of these events should help us in fighting the influences that threaten our liberties in the twentieth century.

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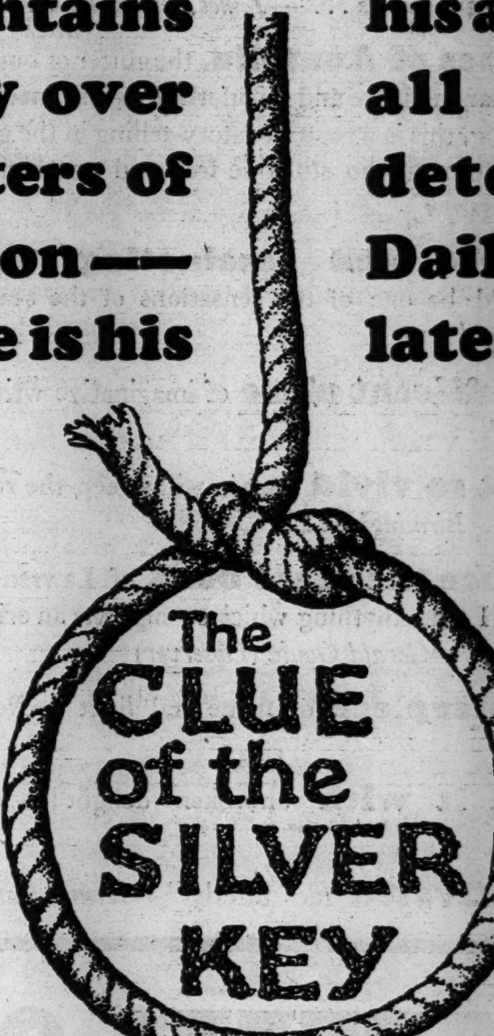

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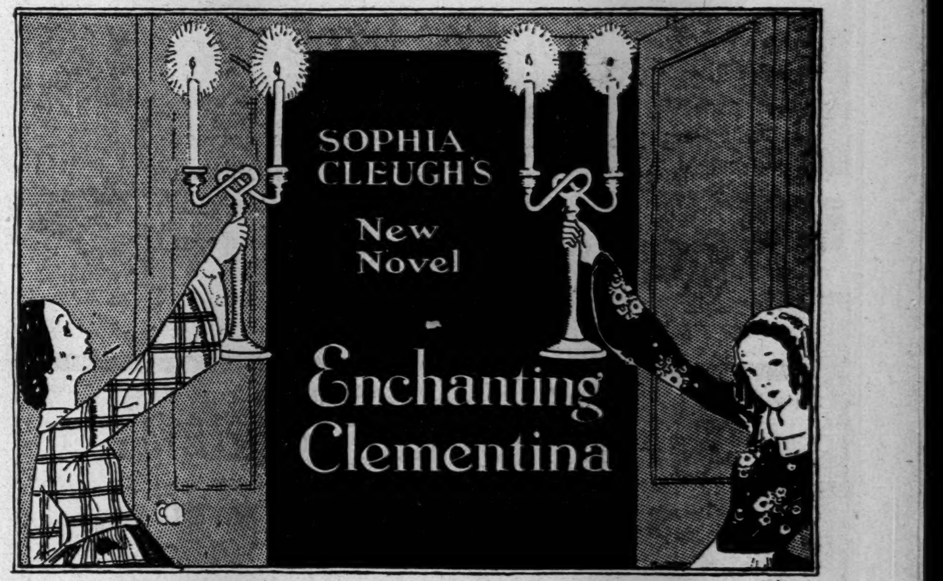

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"Who Were the Greeks?" By Professor J. L. Myres. (University of California Press. 30s.)

Reviewed by HAROLD DALE.

The title of this book must arouse the interest of every educated man. Apart from the natural feeling that the secret of greatness may perhaps be found in the ancestry and early years of the eminent, it is known to all that modern discoveries connected with such names as Mycenæ, Cnossos, and Cyprus have illuminated many dark places in the early history of the Eastern Mediterranean. The generation now in middle life was usually brought up in the belief that the classical Greeks were pure-bred descendants of an Aryan race, who in some prehistoric age swept across Asia and Europe from East to West, detaching successive bands of conquerors to India, Persia, Greece, and Italy, and finally developing in these last two countries the genius and order which have inspired our own civilisation. That easy faith is scarcely equal to the complexity of the facts now known. It must give place to an "account of origins," perhaps less romantic, certainly less simple, resting on evidence drawn largely from sources which not very many years ago were unknown and indeed unsuspected.

It is no part of Professor Myres's purpose to answer the further question, which nevertheless it is impossible not to ask, however foolishly:

> Why should this particular breed, in this particular country, become what it did become and do what it did do?

To that question, concerning nations as concerning individuals, we can at present give no answer except that the wind bloweth where it listeth. Some facts of heredity have a certain relevance: the Greeks, like the English, were a mixed breed, and every livestock breeder knows the value of a "first cross" between stocks not too far diverse.

As the science of genetics grows it may throw much light on the conditions preceding and surrounding the birth of excellence. But it is difficult to believe that we shall ever be able really to perceive why, of two brothers born of the same parents and brought up together until manhood, one develops into a great poet and the other remains an obscure country squire. If, however, Professor Myres does not attempt to tell us why the strange combination of breeds and cultures which he investigates produced Athens of the fifth century, he can and does tell us much of interest and novelty.

A Hybrid Race.

To the question which he asks he replies that the Greeks were never fully one people; they were not of one blood; they spoke "different dialects of a hybrid language"; their religion was a varying mixture of cults and rituals derived from many sources. They were a cross between the three primary breeds of the white race—Northern, Alpine, and Mediterranean—who attained such unity as they ever possessed under the severe regional controls of a country with peculiar and strongly marked characteristics, which has always tended to produce the same physical variety of man.

This mongrel race, left comparatively undisturbed in its Ægean cradle-land from the eleventh to the seventh century B.C., established itself in a number of closely related types, approximately thoroughbred. From the sixth to the fourth century these types, hitherto secluded from one another by absence of communications in a mountainous country, became inter-crossed, but nevertheless maintained their distinctive nature, until after the conquests of Alexander the Hellenistic world arose from the Hellenic people. The culture developed by this originally mixed population was a stream into which flowed tributaries from many sources—Asia Minor, Crete, Cyprus, the countries of the Danube and Dnieper, as well as the Greek mainland.

The Professor's Erudition.

The depth and width of the erudition which Professor Myres brings to his task are almost overwhelming. Few scholars can have concentrated on any problem so much knowledge of different kinds. He is as familiar with prehistoric skulls and Polynesian folk-memory as with Minoan ossuaries, the "gray-ware" culture of Orchomenus, and the seventeenth Book of the Iliad. It is perhaps too much to expect that the possessor of so much learning should possess also an easy and lively style and a keen sense of literary form. It must be admitted that these gifts do not belong to Professor Myres, or, if they do, they are not apparent in this book. There are a few mild jests. Speaking, for instance, of racial differences in feet, he remarks that

> in these days of short skirts and plus-fours, the ethnologist has a fresh and agreeable field of study.

But such relief is rare. The argument is often somewhat difficult to follow in detail and the style is a little heavy—in one or two passages even worse. (It must surely be by accident that Professor Myres writes that Deucalion's flood "literally took the heart out of the 'gray-ware' régime.") Nevertheless he has given us so much that it is ungracious to complain that he has not given us more. It requires some perseverance for anyone, not being a professional scholar, to read through Professor Myres's book; but the effort will be rewarded by the acquisition of much curious and interesting knowledge, and above all by a great widening of the intellectual horizon.

NEW FICTION.

A BAVARIAN PANORAMA.

"Success." By Lion Feuchtwanger. (Secker. 10s.)

"The Open Secret." By Oliver Onions. (Heinemann. 7s. 6d.)

"Decent Fellows." By John Heygate. (Mundanus. 3s.)

"Pursuit." By Roland Pertwee. (Heinemann. 7s. 6d.)

"Keetje." By Neel Doff. (Hutchinson. 7s. 6d.)

"For What?" By Barbara Cartland. (Hutchinson. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

The author of "Jew Suss" has written a novel of more than a quarter of a million words about the state of Bavaria in the years immediately following the Great War. Deliberately it is not quite historically correct, but it is probably as accurate as a novel written in the year 2000 A.D. about the same period would be, and Feuchtwanger writes as if he were living at that time in the future. It is a "kolossal" novel, but I do not think that it is a great novel. There are passages in it which move and distress you, portraits which are rich and alive, and dramatic scenes which linger in the memory, but long before the last page has been reached many of Herr Feuchtwanger's English readers will have become very tired indeed.

Precisely why the novel is called "Success" I do not know. "Injustice" or "Inflation" would have been better titles, for if there is a single note which can be said to be running with any steadiness through its pages, it is indignation at the idea that in an alleged civilised community the administration of justice can rest with the politicians and their financial advisers. "For the good of the State" Martin Kruger, Sub-Director of the National Galleries, is convicted of perjury and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. He is guiltless, but that cannot be helped. And while the value of the mark is sinking to nothing, and Fascist and Communistic organisations are springing into existence, his friends, and in particular Johanna Krain, Kruger's ex-mistress, who has become his wife, attempt to obtain his pardon. He dies at the moment when it seems likely that they will be successful.

It cannot be said that the book is ever dull, but also it cannot be said that it ever becomes more than mildly exciting. There is nothing about it which will cause the reader to insist on every one of his friends reading it. And so far from being a heroine for all time, the chief character, Johanna, who is always changing her lovers, remains strangely aloof.

HIDDEN POLITICS.

To my mind a far more delectable story on a not dissimilar subject is "The Open Secret," by Oliver Onions, that fine writer who has for some years been silent. Some people may find this novel not a little baffling, for it leaves much to the imagination. Yet a note at the beginning should make things sufficiently clear. A young Englishman who has once been to Russia finds himself involved in a series of curiously alarming events. His car is tampered with, he is forced to leave his flat, his family business is ruined. At the same time he seems to be under the protection of various mysterious folk, including an old Etonian friend and an ex-Borstal boy, who, incidentally, is about the most lovable youngster of the kind I have ever met in a book. If, however, Halsey himself remains bewildered, not least so when his romance with Bettine comes to so miserable an end, the intelligent reader will understand well enough Mr. Onions's meaning. Fascists and communists do not always work in the light.

It may be that Mr. Onions might with advantage have rounded off his story in a different way. He might well have allowed us to know a little more about B.J.'s mysterious organisation. On the other hand, the story itself never lacks for excitement, and, for those who want it, has its clear message. The writing is excellent, and I enjoyed every word of it.

ETON.

The "Decent Fellows" of Mr. Heygate's novel are Etonians, and as a mere worm of a Harrovian myself I may not be the best judge of its merits as a faithful picture of life at m'tutor's. The book is not one which is likely to give rise to any furious controversy about the public school system in general or Eton in particular. It tells in elaborate detail the ordinary story of an ordinary boy. Denis is no super-athlete and no genius at work. He is not too ready to shoulder responsibility. Unfortunately, too, he is not quite so rich as some of his friends. To me his story reads like the simple truth, and I am willing to admit that most of his friends are quite averagely decent. And in these days, when youthful pens are apt to dip themselves in the wrong liquid, it is pleasant to be able to say that Mr. Heygate's book is decent too.

The materials from which Mr. Pertwee concocts his new romance "Pursuit" are as old as the hills, but he makes excellent use of them. Harley in love with Joan, is loved by Paula. In the war his commanding officer is the sinister Fawlk, and Fawlk is also in love with Joan. And when a woman is scorned, we are told, she will do the strangest things. When peace comes Paula is working with Fawlk, and the unfortunate Harley is engineered into as nasty a corner as could well be devised. Mr. Pertwee can make even melodrama of the stagey kind seem quite natural, and you can read through his book at a sitting very pleasantly indeed.

TWO WOMEN'S NOVELS.

"Keetje" comes with a considerable reputation from France, but I must confess to being disappointed by it. It is the story of a girl, one of a large and poverty-stricken family, who is forced to go on the streets to get food for her brothers and sisters. She hates the life, and tries to better herself. She does better herself, and, so far as mere story goes, that is about all. On the other hand, the pictures of her nights on the streets and the glimpses of life among the really poor are unusually vivid and moving.

I was more interested in Miss Barbara Cartland's new story, "For What?" Here, it is true, there is nothing that you have not read hundreds of times before, and there is little brilliance in the writing, but there is a real story which is agreeably told and Highland scenes very charmingly described. A woman who has married for safety because she believes that the man she loves loves somebody else: is she to leave her husband? That is the one problem, and Miss Cartland's solution, if not novel, is not, I think, unduly strained.

A BUNCH OF THRILLERS.

"Rynox." By Philip Macdonald. (Collins. 7s. 6d.)

"The Hymn-Tune Mystery." By George A. Birmingham. (Methuen. 7s. 6d.)

"The French Powder Mystery." By Ellery Queen. (Gollancz. 7s. 6d.)

"Murder En Route." By Brian Flynn. (Long. 7s. 6d.)

"The Malachite Jar and Other Stories." By J. S. Fletcher. (Collins. 7s. 6d.)

"The Death of Dr. Whitelaw." By A. Wilson. (Longmans. 7s. 6d.)

"Rynox" is one of the neatest puzzles that has been published for some time. There is a murder in it, but no detective, and, paradoxically, it begins at the end. Moreover, the beginning is so bizarre that you cannot imagine any explanation that will fit. Yet, of course, there is one. Mr. Macdonald, too, writes so well that he is always a joy to read. He also writes quickly—this must be the third story of the kind that he has published this year—but his invention shows no signs of flagging, and if "Rynox" is not the most elaborate of his mysteries, it is certainly the most ingenious.

Mr. Birmingham is another delectable writer who does not disdain to wallow in crime, and it says much for him that even at what may be called his most blood-stained moments he can retain his air of humorous detachment. "The Hymn-Tune Mystery" concerns the murder of a cathedral organist, and as the chief sleuth is an Irish precentor it goes without saying the puzzle is solved to the accompaniment of much light-hearted chatter.

"The French Powder Mystery" is more elaborate, but equally entertaining. Mr. Ellery Queen, who once again is his own sleuth, uses methods which would have earned high commendation even from Mr. Holmes himself. Any number of people might have murdered Mrs. French in her husband's New York store, but how and when and by whom was the crime committed? And why, in particular, was it so important that the body should not be immediately discovered? As a study in what we now know to be scientific deduction this book would be hard to beat.

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Then there is Mr. Fletcher with eighteen short stories and a multitude of excitements. "The Malachite Jar," indeed, contains enough thrills to satisfy most people, and affairs have an agreeable habit of rarely being what they seem to be.

"The Death of Dr. Whitelaw" has this peculiarity: it is written very poorly, it is full of utter impossibilities, and nobody seems to be quite real; and yet, in spite of these things, it makes astonishingly good reading. A man is falsely accused of murder; he goes to prison for ten years, swearing vengeance on all those who have been responsible for his torture. And when he comes out he declares war. It is an exciting war, even though it ends in the conventional way. Mr. Wilson's powers of invention are so good that it is a pity his writing is so careless.

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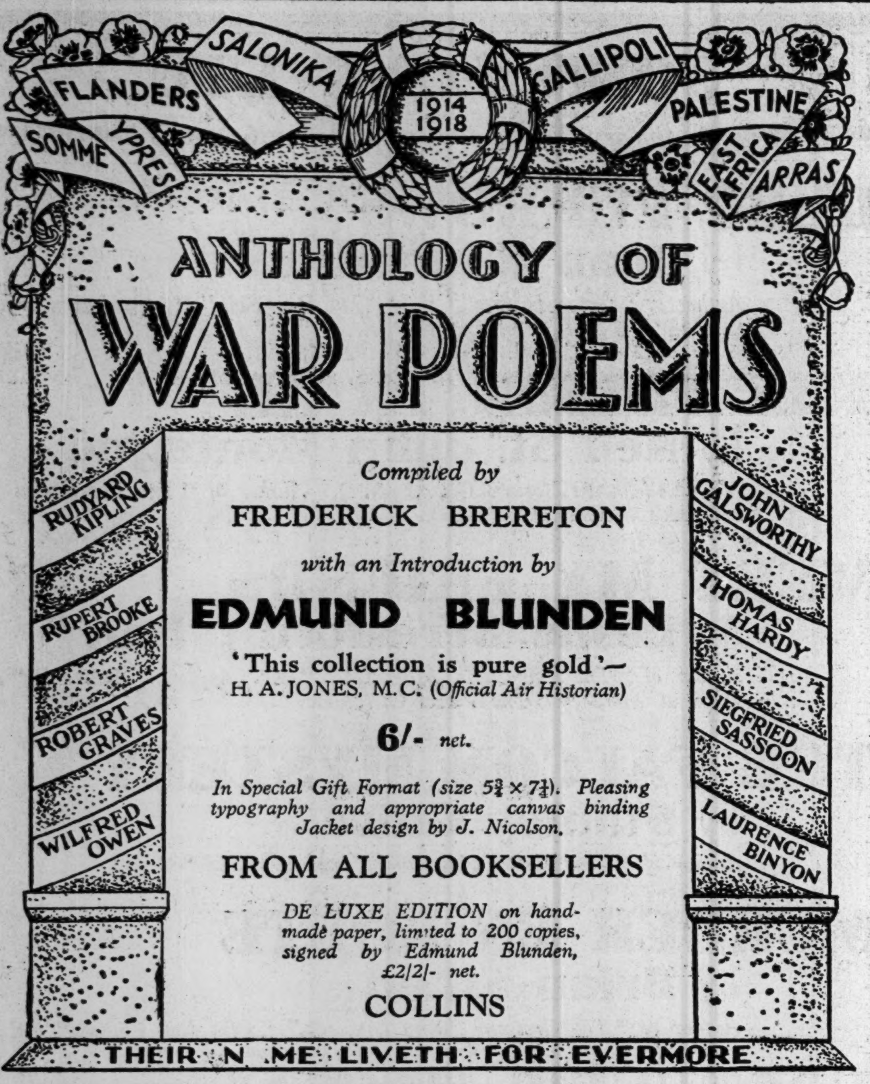

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"SOLDIERS THREE."

"The Advance from Mons, 1914." By Walter Bloem. (Peter Davies. 7s. 6d.)

"Salute of Guns." By Donald Boyd. (Cape. 10s. 6d.)

"39 Months." By D. Victor Kelly. (Benn. 8s. 6d.)

Reviewed by A. D. GRISTWOOD.

Of the three soldiers' tales which thus late in the day set out to follow the beaten track of war reminiscences, the most likely to capture the attention of our old friend the "jaded reader" is Herr Walter Bloem's "Advance from Mons, 1914." Taking for its subject the adventures of a Captain of Brandenburg Grenadiers in the campaign of 1914, the book is invaluable as a revelation of the state of public opinion in Germany before and after the declaration of war. The self-conscious patriotism of all classes in the Fatherland is demonstrated as completely as the spirit of camaraderie that subsisted (pace the Prussian jackbootery of allied propaganda) between the officers and men of the invading armies. Particularly interesting to English readers are those open-hearted tributes to the prowess of the Old Contemptibles that have been found eloquent enough for quotation in the British "Official History" of the War.

The craftsmanship of the story is such as we have a right to expect from a distinguished man of letters, and the author is immune from the fashionable dread of wearing the heart upon the sleeve that stultifies so many of the "realistic" war books. Love, fear, hatred, admiration—Herr Bloem is not afraid to confess to them all. "Death, I'm ready for you! Here is my forehead; here is my heart!" It is not in the insular tradition to say these things, but the writer's sincerity carries the day, and we believe as we read that this was indeed the spirit of '14.

Mr. Donald Boyd's "Salute of Guns," on the other hand, is resolute to let emotion go by implication. As an artillery observation-officer, who spent only six months out of the line between May, 1915, and October, 1918, the author had ample opportunity to gain a knowledge of warfare both extensive and peculiar, and his intensely objective narrative, though inevitably reminiscent of much that we have read before, has been written throughout with the eye on the object.

"A Very Good Horse."

In this cinema-view of the war, where a salvo of woollybears unroll "in animal curves," and aeroplanes shine "like honesty seeds," the film flickers so rapidly from scene to scene that it is not always easy to follow the action or to remember the names of the actors who come and go with such tragic inconsequence. Mr. Boyd has not been able to resist the temptation to over-colour his subalterns' dialogue, but in a hundred incidents the feeling of the book rings true as a bell. "A man came up and hung on my stirrup leather. 'Oh, sir,' he said, 'have you a revolver with you? Will you shoot my horse. He was a very good horse, sir!' I dismounted. 'Here's his head, sir. Have you got it?' He patted the animal and talked to it. 'Pore old Brownie, never mind, Brownie, it's all over now.' I found the spot and fired. The horse kicked and relaxed."

In his rather colourless, map-ridden "39 Months" Mr. D. Victor Kelly has remembered less vividly, and carried his habit of under-statement to a pitch that goes far to substantiate his prefatory apologies for his book's "dryness." The facts are there, no doubt, but the author's ex-cathedra manner takes too much for granted. Mr. Kelly makes short work of "the rather conceited neurotic individual who appears likely to pass into popular legend as the type of the British Army in the Great War," but when he goes on to assure us that "when the War came I was old enough to escape the neurosis and loss of the sense of proportion that has been its inevitable aftermath for many. . . ", we too, begin to have our doubts. It takes all sorts to make an army, but the majority were at least content to be fallible.

"THE PITY WAR DISTILLED."

"An Anthology of War Poems." Compiled by Frederick Brereton. Introduction by Edmund Blunden. (Collins. 6s.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

We have had war novels and war memoirs and war documents; is it not time we gave a little thought to those voices crying in the wilderness, the war poets? It is indeed a sufficiently remarkable phenomenon that in so howling a wilderness the voices should have been able, not merely to make themselves heard, but even to speak at all. Once the idealistic patriotism of the beginning of the war had been, to a great extent, silenced among combatant poets (often silenced by death) there seemed little enough occasion or opportunity for poetry. But it was just then, just at the time when

> with the multiplying of disastrous attacks, the swelling rage of ever-stiffening masses of artillery, the extension of the ruined areas, the tormenting of periods of rest with night-bombing, the relentless crowding of men into the Golgotha, the cleavage between the fighting man and the civilian, the obscuring of the intention of Englishmen, and, simply, with the disappearance of novelty in bullet and bayonet, the war became a recognised error

that the best war poetry was written. Mr. Edmund Blunden, in his introduction to Mr. Brereton's anthology, has so finely described the transition from the mood of Rupert Brooke to the mood of Siegfried Sassoon that it would be an impertinence for me to write about it; I can only emphasise once more the quality of such work as that of Mr. Sassoon and Wilfred Owen and Isaac Rosenberg.

"Strange Meeting."

It may seem to have been emphasised often enough already; and yet, for millions who know Rupert Brooke's "Soldier," how many thousands have read Owen's "Strange Meeting"? I cannot refrain from quoting from this magnificent parable of an encounter between the Englishman and the German he killed:—

> "Strange, friend," I said, "here is no cause
> to mourn."
> "None," said the other, "save the undone years,
> The hopelessness. Whatever hope is yours,
> Was my life also; I went hunting wild
> After the wildest beauty in the world,
> Which lies not calm in eyes, or braided hair,
> But mocks the steady running of the hour.
> And if it grieves, grieves richlier than here.
> For by my glee might many men have laughed,
> And at my weeping something has been left,
> Which must die now. I mean the truth untold,
> The pity of war, the pity war distilled.
> Now man will go content with what we spoiled,
> Or, discontent, boil bloody, and be spilled.

"The pity war distilled"—that is the element which gives the best war poetry its indestructible life, which lifts rage to noble rage, and transforms the particular into the timeless universal; it is an element found often in this anthology. Mr. Brereton, however, has made a wide selection: the authors in the book range from Brooke ("a man of exalted view and graceful expression," as Mr. Blunden calls him) to Mr. Richard Aldington, from Mr. Herbert Read and Mr. A. P. Herbert and Mr. Robert Graves to Mr. Galsworthy and Mr. Binyon. It is a good anthology, and I wish it a good public.

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"Outlaws I Have Known, and Other Reminiscences of an Indian Judge." By Sir Theodore Piggott. (Blackwood. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by N. HANCOCK PRENTER.

At first sight Sir Theodore Piggott's book appears to be a companion volume to those most fascinating contributions to the study of Indian criminology: "The Agra Double Murder," "The Company of Cain," and "Indian Village Crimes," and, if considered under this aspect, might perhaps be deemed to have fallen short of its rivals in wealth of material, knowledge of the inner workings of the criminal mind, and especially in the warm sympathy with the "under-dog" which is so marked in "Al Carthill's" writings. The stories of dacoity and murder differ in no way from the routine experience of any Indian judge; the Sessions Judge of any Punjab district could cull from one year's work at least a score of stories as worthy of the able pen of Sir Theodore as any appearing in this book.

It is when Sir Theodore draws upon his memories of his administrative work that he makes the most valuable contribution to the study of Indian life. A considerable part of his book is devoted to a description of an Indian religious riot and of the causes that gave rise to it. In England, from time to time, we read in the papers of these conflicts, and beyond learning that a hundred Hindus and a couple of score of Moslems have been killed, we are left in the dark concerning the reasons for such an outbreak of fanaticism. The author's brilliant account of the riots at Amroha and the measures taken to avert similar scenes at Lucknow throws a much-needed light on a difficult problem, and incidentally shows once more the value of impartiality in the *corps d'administration*.

Sop to Cerberus.

It seems almost a pity that an official like Sir Theodore Piggott, who has evidently played a very considerable part in the distribution of even-handed justice, should now, in the days of his retirement, have adopted the fashionable habit of attaching undue importance to the parrot cry of the Indian agitator—the cry that it would have been better for India if the Indians had been left to fight out their own quarrels without the mediation of the British, and to have had the prospect of countless centuries of anarchy before arriving at a solution of the problem. We may leave it to the trenchant pen of Sir Michael O'Dwyer to deal with such a view. But Sir Theodore is not really in disagreement with Sir Michael. He has merely thrown a sop to Cerberus.

The chapter on Chauri Chaura—that lamentable sequel of Gandhi's gospel of "non-violent non-co-operation"—cannot escape the eye of the future historian, while two or three more chapters illustrate the difficulties experienced by every judge in India in deciding which of two litigants is lying the less. As the writer once heard a learned judge remark, "In spite of the prosecution evidence, I convicted the accused."

Here and there throughout the volume will be found terse but extraordinarily illuminating histories—for example, a history of the rise of the Shias, or a history of the Jats. They come pat in the proper place. Furnished with the knowledge thus briefly conveyed, the reader who has never been in India and whose knowledge of things Indian cannot vie with that of Macaulay's marvellous schoolboy is in a position to understand some of the ramifications of an outlaw's mind.

Sir Theodore in one sentence has set the standard by which, presumably, he wishes his book to be judged. Writing about rioting at religious festivals, he remarks, "I propose to see how much of the interest it has always excited in my mind I can contrive to communicate to others." By that standard the book is an entire success.

SHOOTING.

"The ABC of Shooting." By Richard Clapham. (Heath Cranton. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by
MAJOR the HON. J. C. DARLING.

We are told in the foreword that "the real joy of shooting does not consist in loosing off so many cartridges per day, but in understanding the ways of birds and beasts. . . . Clay pigeons will suffice you as a test of marksmanship." As regards learning to shoot straight, we are advised to visit a shooting school, and there receive expert instruction, while there is one recommendation that should be taken to heart, "Never be afraid to swing too far in front, for most shots are missed, or birds wounded, by shooting behind."

Interesting details of the habits of most of the game birds and animals of these islands are given, including the weights of different specimens, together with advice as how to deal with them, while considerable attention is paid to the contents of the crop and gizzard of each. A careful study of these details enables us, of course, to estimate the sort of place where different sorts of game will be found at different times of day and at different seasons. The more one considers these points, the more one realises that far more interest attaches to, and far more skill is needed in, the management of a rough shoot than in participation in more elaborate shoots where most of the tactical, if not even strategical, dispositions are left to the head keeper, and all the sportsman has to do is to kill the game that comes his way, and, of course, kill it as clean as possible.

Considerable space is devoted to ground game, and the methods employed to get rabbits to lie above ground. I like one remark on hares, to wit, "I consider a hare the legitimate quarry for beagles, harriers, and greyhounds." There is no doubt that shooting hares is but poor sport, whereas hunting them provides very good sport indeed. I must, however, differ from the author very strongly on one point. He recommends using a "live decoy" for shooting pigeons, tying an unfortunate bird up by a string, and even passing the end of the string into the shooter's "hide," so that it can be pulled and the bird so caused to flap its wings. The R.S.P.C.A. would do well to turn their attention to this practice, and to leave deer hunting alone

TWO ESSAYISTS.

"Things That Annoy Me." By E. V. Knox. (Methuen. 5s.)

"Come to Think of It." By G. K. Chesterton. (Methuen. 6s.)

How much sadder the world would be if Mr. E. V. Knox, in some lamentable access of idleness, should cease to write! There is the very best of "Evoe" in "Things That Annoy Me." There is, for instance, the essay on Summer Time (a reprint from these columns), in which he points out that

> if a man has been murdered at half-past two a.m. on this morning of April 13, and shown to have been murdered by the silent evidence of a bullet which has passed through him and struck the clock at that hour and stopped it (a coincidence which quite often occurs), the jury of twelve good men and true will be obliged to acquit the slayer because there is in the law of England no hour between two and three on this morning of April 13. Ergo, it seems to me, deceased is not dead.

There is a delicious piece of irony, "Nature Notes," in the course of which Mr. Knox mentions "a gala procession in fancy costume" organised by motor owners "for the purpose of watching a pair of nuthatches build near Brooklands." There are essays on umbrellas and descriptions of golfing under difficulties and discussions of the American tongue. The book is, in short, riotously funny from start to finish.

Mr. Chesterton is more serious; even in his most amusing passages one feels that he has a purpose. But not, fortunately, enough purpose to overcast Mr. Chesterton's active wit. The familiar G. K. theories and ideas are developed here in essays on literary parallels, on loneliness, on encyclopædias, on Dickens and claptrap. The recovery of the King after his illness inspires Mr. Chesterton to a dissertation on our present monarchy; the new poetry encourages him to put forward a theory of novelty. A characteristic and an entertaining collection.

IN THE AIR.

"The Romance of a Modern Airway." By Harry Harper. (Sampson Low. 6s.)

"Imperial Air Routes." By Major A. E. W. Salt, M.A. (Murray. 6s.)

As their titles show, these books are akin in that they deal with a common subject; moreover, both have introductions by the late Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, K.C.B., A.F.C., Director of Civil Aviation, and can therefore be considered to have equally the hall mark of official approval. At this point, however, all similarity between the two books ceases abruptly, and there has seldom been a case where two authors have viewed an almost identical subject from more diverse angles.

"The Romance of a Modern Airway" is one of Sampson Low's well-known "Romance" series, and "Romance" is very much in the foreground of the picture. The book is a "popular" description of the working of an airway, and covers everything from the landing of the luggage to the pilot in the plane. It should produce a definite addition to the "Air-Mindedness" of the general public, and will certainly be deservedly popular. Mr. Harper, constrained, perhaps by the prearranged title of his work, has very obviously sought for "Romance"! To a certain extent his search has been rewarded, but the "Boy-god," to quote Kipling, is throughout the book rather self-consciously aware that the meeting is "by arrangement," and that Mr. Harper has a Press photographer round the corner!

Invincible Romance.

"Imperial Air Routes," by Major A. E. W. Salt, gives one exactly the opposite impression. With a head packed full of accurate technical knowledge and practical experience, Major Salt sat down to tell his fellow airmen all he knew about airways. He tells it with the greatest simplicity and restraint, not as a professor to students, but as a craftsman of the air, telling his "brothers in the craft" of things which he, quite humbly, hopes may be of use to them. The result is a book, half history, half text-book, which is wholly delightful.

Doubtless Major Salt said to himself: "This is a text-book, and there shall be no romance!"; but romance refused to be left out of his pages. It hid itself in the sandstorms that haunt the airways between Gaza and Baghdad, and lurked in the cloud-banks shrouding the mountain wall that divides Rangoon from Bangkok, where one can fly for hours with no better landing ground than primeval jungle. It stood by Kingsford-Smith as he hurled the Southern Cross "at great speed, so with more certain control," through the rainstorms that make "a sodden super darkness, almost solid and smothering," between Suva and Brisbane, and it helped General Edward Maitland in the R34 to collect, in kitchen saucepans borrowed from the galley, the last dregs of petrol that brought the airship safe to Mineola.

Buy this book, and read it more than once, for it is worth it.

FOR THE JANEITES.

"Jane Austen." By R. Brimley Johnson. (Dent. 15s.)

This is a book which should be included in the library of all those who love and admire Jane Austen and are as familiar with her characters as with their own relations, and a good deal more attached to them than to some of their relations. For Mr. Brimley Johnson has done good service to the devotees of Jane Austen by condensing into one fairly stout volume everything important that we know about her, much that has been said about her and about her work by others of a past generation, a great many interesting illustrations, maps which show the localities of the various stories, and what is very valuable, a complete timetable of her work and a list of dates of some importance in her life.

The author begins with Kipling's poem, "Jane's Marriage," and closes his book with part of that delightful sketch by the same author, in which the sergeant remembers a troop-leader who was twin brother to Mr. Collins.

But it must not be supposed that the book is merely a very carefully done reference work. Mr. Johnson has much to say that is fresh and interesting. He examines very carefully Miss Austen's character as well as her work, and traces some of her gift to the fact that she belonged to a family with cultivated tastes. Jane Austen absorbed style by inheritance and environment from the home. Command of language and pure vocabulary are derived, the author says, from familiarity with the classics. These were born and bred in Jane Austen, whose family had a natural and easy gift with the pen.

The book has a good index, and a list of the authorities upon whom students of Jane Austen depend is also given very fully. But how amused Jane would have been and how shocked the reserved Cassandra at the weighing, the classifying, the analysing which have gone on since they passed from a world where pretty young women wore caps and married women addressed their husbands with outward formality and respect!

ANIMAL TALKS.

". . . And Such Small Deer." By E. V. Lucas. (Methuen. 3s. 6d.)

"Zoo Ways and Whys." By T. H. Gillespie. (Jenkins. 3s. 6d.)

Under a title taken from a broken line of Shakespeare Mr. E. V. Lucas has made up a companion volume to his well-known books about animals. ". . . And Such Small Deer" is a collection of essays and fantasies. Some of them are simple and some are humorous, but all have a very decided charm, and many of them conjure up a refreshing vision of the countryside frequented by the creatures round which the stories are written.

The book begins with a tale about a mouse, which is followed by an account of a conjuror's rabbit written by the animal, and after that Mr. E. V. Lucas offers the reader a pleasing variety. He has written an essay about pigeons and about parrots; he has described a visit to the Zoo and an experience of cub-hunting; and in a chapter entitled "An Ivory-handed Daughter of Toil" he is amusing at the expense of a follower of the chicken-culture fashion. Nor has he forgotten to introduce fish stories, and though "The Amazing Week" may not appeal to the amateur angler, since the humour is directed against him, this does not prevent the story from being a good one. But the most delightful sections of ". . . And Such Small Deer" are those devoted to praise of those domestic creatures—the cow, duck, and pig—for the author does not offer thanks to them merely for their obvious gifts, but for their uses in nursery rhymes and assistance in the choice of invective. Since the book begins with a mouse, it is not surprising that it should end with a story about an elephant. It is a wholly witty story about an elephant's gratitude, and no one but Mr. Lucas could have thought out such an original method of illustrating the advantages of gaining an elephant's good will, for this time it is not the animal's trunk that works the miracle, but his tusks when they have become billiard balls after his death.

Mr. T. H. Gillespie is the director of the Zoological Park at Edinburgh, and therefore the zoo in his "Zoo Ways and Whys" is the menagerie at Edinburgh. The contents of the book were originally "Zoo Talks" broadcast during the children's hour, and, though the stories are entertaining and frequently interesting, the style in which they are written is rather too colloquial to be altogether satisfying. But this is the only criticism that can be made about Mr. Gillespie's book, for it contains a great deal of valuable information, dispels many unfounded illusions, and will be an excellent gift for young children. It is a zoo book of the popular variety, and is not intended to be scientific or to offer original views about animals; it is merely a book of zoo stories.

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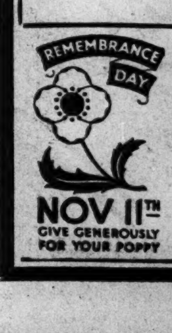
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Reviewed by LAURIE MAGNUS.

It sounds like the name of a new disease, but it is really an old disease of the body politic in France. It arose in the middle of the eighteenth century, and it spread to the epoch of the Revolution. Unfriendly Frenchmen might have called it *morbus Britannicus*, or the English sickness, because it began admittedly with Montesquieu, who had lived in England from 1729 to 1731, and had contracted on the soil of Locke and freedom the political infection which he communicated in his "Esprit des Lois" of 1748. That book marked the beginning of political economy in France: "The genius of Montesquieu," we read—

> first convinced our countrymen, frivolous as they were at that time, that the study of the needs of social man was preferable to researches in metaphysical abstractions, and might even be of more permanent value than the reading of light novels.

Certainly the Marquis de Mirabeau, the future apostle of physiocracy, published his first book in 1750, and the "Journal Economique" was founded in Paris in the following year.

The Single Tax.

The meaning of physiocracy is the rule of nature, and it has been well said that the physiocrats might just as well have called themselves theocrats. For they were all of them deists, and their natural law had really a divine sanction. Happiness was to ensue from obedience to nature, and national wealth was to spring from an intense cultivation of the soil. An *impôt unique*, or single tax, was to be levied on land, and its product was to defray all expenditure by the State. The financial legislation of Louis XV. and the condition of the peasantry in his day were both to be improved unrecognisably. For France had the richest soil and the poorest agriculturists in Western Europe.

> Tout le monde reconnaissait que l'agriculture souffrait de vices profonds, funestes à sa prospérité.

The difficulty was to find a remedy. Some blamed the laziness of the peasants—their indifference to or even neglect of their job, but, according to the physiocrats, this was merely a consequence of their extreme poverty. The same cause led to rural depopulation, infantile mortality, and so on. Let nature rule, with no artificial intermediary, and the land would support her children again.

The Confucius of Europe.

The father of the physiocrats was François Quesnay, the son of a small proprietor, who was born in the country in 1694. He went to Paris as a young man, where he studied medicine and philosophy, and Dr. Weulersse quotes from his first book a sentence which pointed to the social theory which he was presently to base on his physical studies:—

> La fièvre est le moyen qu'emploie la nature pour guérir les maladies; la nature est l'hygiène universelle.

It was all very simple in the seventeen-thirties, but sixty years later these social fevers were to cause more evils than they cured. Quesnay became physician to Mme. de Pompadour, and met at Court the greater Mirabeau's father, with whom he founded the group of Utopian Economists, later known by this title of Physiocrats. It is a very brief but a very interesting period of political thought which Dr. Weslersse retells in this book. He has studied it for many years. His "Mouvement physiocratique: 1756-1770" was published in two volumes in 1910, and he has edited the economic writings both of the elder Mirabeau and of Quesnay himself, "the Confucius of Europe," as he is called. The present volume of about 320 pages forms a useful and compact introduction to the mass of learned economic theory which was a concomitant and cause of the French Revolution.

IN SLUMDOM.

"God in the Slums." By Hugh Redwood. (Hodder and Stoughton. 2s. 6d.)

This unpretentious little volume runs the risk of being overwhelmed in the spate of autumn books. And overwhelmed it should not be, for a more moving story has not been put into a book for a long time. The author (known to Fleet Street colleagues for his big-heartedness) came into personal contact with some of London's slums following the early morning tragedy of the Thames when the river overran its banks and drowned people in their beds in Westminster. He tells us of the work of the Salvation Army that he saw and took part in when the flood waters brought home to him that here was something of which good citizens could only think with shame. People who live comfortable lives may get a shock in reading this account of life in the slums of wealthy cities. That will do no harm; indeed, it will do good, for there is a bright side to this picture of human misery. That is to be found in the daily miracles of the "Slum Posts" of the Salvation Army. Even among the degrading and brutal conditions of slum life they gain daily victories that provide a great hope for the future, and are a stimulus to faith. These Salvation Army workers are the good Samaritans of our own time, and this account of their work, written with unexaggerated simplicity by an acute observer, will help towards a better understanding of one of our modern social problems.

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"Sketches in Nineteenth Century Biography." By Keith Feiling. (Longmans. 7s. 6d.)

The object of Mr. Keith Feiling in this volume is, we are told, "not to give dates and details of happenings so much as to portray personality." And it may at once be said that, within the limitations so defined, he has produced a remarkably clever book of character sketches. The width of his intellectual sympathy and the depth of his knowledge of nineteenth century intellectual activities may be judged by a mere list of the personalities studied in this volume. They include Pitt—who only just comes within the period treated of—Canning, Croker, Southey, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Newman, Lytton, Bagehot, Disraeli, Curzon, and Lord Liverpool. Even where the reader may agree with the estimate at which Mr. Feiling arrives, he will hardly question either the intention to administer strict justice, or the vivacity of the intellectual portraiture. It is hard to choose when all is so excellent, but perhaps the studies most *réussis* are those of Newman, Croker, and Disraeli.

ANCIENT BULGARIA.

"A History of the First Bulgarian Empire." By Steven Runciman. (Bell. 16s.)

Mr. Steven Runciman, whose previous volume, "The Emperor Romanus Lecapenus and his Reign," earned for its author a solid, if restricted, reputation among contemporary historians and students of the bye-ways of history, has, in this later volume, produced a work which, had it been produced in his day, Gibbon would have hailed with sincere pleasure. We, in the west, know and care far too little about the history of the Balkan peoples prior to the emergence, in the course of the eighteenth century, of the so-called Eastern Question. This is regrettable, because no problem of actual politics can be really understood except in the light of an adequate understanding of the history of the nations involved. It is a far cry back to the period of which Mr. Runciman treats—the seventh century and a few succeeding generations—and the original documents concerning it are sadly broken and intermittent. But it is a story full of stirring and romantic episodes, and incomplete as it is, and will probably always remain, it sheds much light on recent and contemporary history.

Books on dogs are familiar. But now Mr. Michael Joseph, who owns fourteen of them, has written one on cats, called "Cat's Company," which Mr. Bles will publish next week, with illustrations by the continental artist, B. F. Dolbin.

BOOKS & WRITERS.

A SELECTION FOR THE LIBRARY

THE MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE.
By Sir James Jeans. (Cambridge University Press. 3s. 6d.)

VERNEY LETTERS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.
Edited by Margaret Lady Verney. (Benn. 42s.)

THE WANDERER OF LIVERPOOL.
By John Masefield. (Heinemann. 8s. 6d.)

KATINKA.
By Irene Forbes-Mosse. (John Lane. 7s. 6d.)

The week starts to-morrow with two volumes of reminiscences, Sir Samuel Hoare's story of his war services, especially in Russia, "The Fourth Seal," which is a Heinemann book, and Mr. George Cornwallis West's "Edwardian Hey-Days, or a Little About a Lot of Things," from Putnam, with a Morris wallpaper as the jacket.

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After Lord Birkenhead's death Sir John Simon wrote in the SUNDAY TIMES: "Mr. Smith, scholar of Wadham, was from the first a very striking and original person. If anyone could recover the minute-book of the Wadham Debating Society for Michaelmas Term, 1892, when Smith was secretary, he would find in it passages of daring humour and scathing invective not unworthy to be compared to Aristophanic comedy." Mr. Ivor Thomas, author of "Our Lord Birkenhead," an Oxford appreciation, which Putnam is publishing at once, states that this minute-book does not appear to exist, but he has found the minutes of the Wadham Literary Society, which justify all Sir John's statements about "F. E.," and give a fund of good anecdotes about other men who were with him at Wadham, such as Sir John himself, Mr. C. B. Fry, Mr. Justice Roche, Mr. F. W. Hirst (editor of the *Economist*), and others. Meantime, the close of Lord Birkenhead's career appears in his "Last Essays," which Cassell publishes next week.

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A long-expected book appears this month from the Cambridge University Press in Professor Allardyce Nicoll's "History of Early Nineteenth Century Drama," which, *inter alia*, inventories between 10,000 and 12,000 plays produced between 1800 and 1850. His "History of the Restoration Drama" appeared six years ago.

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In "The Torch-Bearers," which Blackwood issues this week, Mr. Alfred Noyes completes his epic of scientific discovery with a return to that religious aspect of the cosmos which is again attracting some of the philosophical scientists.

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Maeterlinck, of whom little has been heard for a long time, will be reintroduced to us this week in his book, "The Life of the Ant," which has been translated for Cassell by Mr. Bernard Miall.

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The story behind many famous pieces of literature, such, for example, as "Vanity Fair," is told in "Books and the Man," by Mr. John T. Winterlich, which Allen and Unwin publish next week. Cassell will publish "The Bibliophile's Miscellany, 1931," edited by Mr. Oliver Simon and Harold Child.

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In his book, "Jews Without Money," to be published this week by Noel Douglas, Michael Gold portrays the seething masses of the Ghetto in daily lives of love, hate, lust, squalor, and redeeming beauty. Mr. Douglas is also giving us Mr. Reginald le May's "Siamese Tales: Old and New."

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Regional geography, a most fascinating subject, will be expounded by Miss Charlotte A. Simpson in her book, "Rediscovering England," which Sir Ernest Benn will publish at the end of the month. Miss Simpson is the author of the "Rural Survey Scheme" recently undertaken by the B.B.C. for the benefit of schools.

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Mr. Cumberland Clark has been busy, for he is giving us through Williams and Norgate this week "The Eternal Shakespeare," while through Cecil Palmer he is presenting "Dickens and Democracy and Other Studies," in which, among other things, he institutes a comparison between the lives of Dickens and Shakespeare.

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Mr. A. A. Milne has anthologised himself, for his "Christopher Robin Birthday" book, which Methuen will publish next week, represents the best that is in "When We Were Very Young," "Winnie the Pooh," and "The House at Pooh Corner." On the same day Methuen will issue "The Doll's House"—a very different book from Ibsen's similarly named play—by Miss Rose Fyleman, who has been called the "Children's Fairy Queen."

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Mr. Laurence Housman's "Palace Plays," which Mr. Cape issues to-morrow, contains two plays, dealing with the early part of Queen Victoria's life. The first is called "The Revolting Daughter, an extract from History," and the other, "The Wicked Uncles, or Victorious Virtue." They are, I am told, on the lines of Mr. Housman's amusing "Life of H.R.H. the Duke of Flamborough."

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The story of Dr. Barnardo's Homes is one of the romances of modern life. The inner history of that romance will be revealed for the first time in "Dr. Barnardo: Physician, Pioneer, Prophet," by Dr. J. Wesley Bready, which Allen and Unwin will publish early next month. Dr. Bready, who is the author of "Lord Shaftesbury and Social Industrial Progress," has subtitled his present work "Child Life Yesterday and To-day"—which indicates that the book is not only the life-story of a great man, but also a study of social conditions.

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Ballad literature throws a very strong light on history and civilisation. This will be brought out vividly by the volume of "Broadside Ballads of the Restoration Period," edited, with an introduction, by Mr. F. Burlington Fawcett, which the Bodley Head is publishing this week. They represent every aspect of the life and the times, including its broad, outspoken humour.

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Mr. Batsford has got a capital idea in a new series called "The Architecture of Pleasure," in which Mr. P. Morton Shand deals with modern theatres, cinemas, concert halls, casinos, restaurants, cafés, and the like. A further volume will deal with travel and sport, including stadiums, swimming baths, and railway stations. J. M. B.

SPOOKS.

"Great Ghost Stories." Collected, with an Introduction, by Harrison Dale. (Jenkins. 7s. 6d.)

Both as a selector of ghostly narratives and as a theorist on the subject of how the ghost story can be best compounded Mr. Harrison Dale has showed marked ability. His acquaintance with the type of story he exploits in this volume is wide, and it would be hard to improve his selection. It includes that admirable masterpiece, one of the best stories in the language—of any kind, ghostly or other—Sir Walter Scott's "Wandering Wullie's Tale"; Bulwer Lytton's "The Haunted and the Haunters"; Stevenson's "Thrawn Janet," as chef d'œuvre of horror which, brief as is the time since it was penned, has acquired the honour of a classic; Théophile Gautier's "Mummy's Foot"; Lafcadio Hearn's "Story of Ming-Y"; and Marion Crawford's "The Upper Birth." Tales perhaps less famous, but hardly less effective in their goose-skin raising capacity, complete the volume.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

An appeal on behalf of the British Legion will be broadcast by Lord Jellicoe, its chairman, this evening. The appeal will be transmitted by all B.B.C. stations. This afternoon Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, who is chairman of the War Graves Committee of the Imperial Conference, will speak on "The Nations and their Common Heritage." Sir Fabian's talk will be broadcast from the National and other stations.

The seventh contributor on the National station to the discussion on "Science and Religion" will be Canon B. H. Streeter. The third of a series of Sunday evening concerts by the B.B.C. Orchestra will be given on the London Regional programme. Sir Henry Wood will conduct the orchestra.

NATIONAL (1,554.4 metres).

10.30-10.45 a.m.—Time and Weather.
3.0.—Church Cantata (No. 38), Bach, Aus Tiefer Noth Schrei' Ich Zu Dir (Downcast and Poor, I Cry to Thee); Mary Hamlin (soprano), Doris Owens (contralto), Eric Greene (tenor); Wireless Chorus; B.B.C. Orchestra.
3.55.—For the Children: Mr. E. R. Appleton tells Joan and Betty the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den, from Cardiff.
4.15.—The Nations and their Common Heritage, by Major-General Sir Fabian Ware.
4.30.—Gershom Parkington Quintet; Rispah Goodacre (contralto).
5.45-6.15.—Science and Religion—7, by Canon B. H. Streeter.
7.55.—Service; The Bells; Address by Rev. W. Russell Maltby, from St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
8.45.—Earl Jellicoe appeals for the British Legion.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Tom Jones and Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, Orchestra; Olive Groves (soprano); Tom Jones (violin), from Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.
10.30.—Epilogue.
10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

LONDON NATIONAL (261.3 metres).

3.0-6.15.—National.
7.55-10.40.—National.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Callender's Band; Dale Smith (baritone); Doris Vane (soprano); Harold Laycock (trombone solo).
5.0-5.15.—Bible Reading: The Letters of St. Paul, 15—1 Timothy. Ch. 1, 2, and 3.
7.55.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Sunday Orchestral Concert—3: B.B.C. Orchestra, conducted by Sir Henry Wood; Harold Williams (baritone); Paul Hindemith (viola).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Birmingham Military Band; John Adams (tenor); Judith de Leeuw (pianoforte); E. J. Hopkins (euphonium solo).
5.0-5.15.—London Regional.
8.45.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—London Regional.
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres) and LEEDS (200 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.30.—Northern Wireless Orchestra; John Bridge (violin). 5.45-6.15. — National. 7.55. — National. 9.5—Northern Wireless Orchestra; Robert Easton (bass); John Bridge (solo violin). 10.30.—Epilogue.

NEWCASTLE, LIVERPOOL, BRADFORD, SHEFFIELD, HULL, and STOKE-ON-TRENT (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15—National. 7.55-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres) and SWANSEA (288.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 3.55.—For the Children: Joan and Betty's Bible Story—Mr. E. R. Appleton tells the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den. 4.15-6.15.—National. 7.55-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 7.55.—National. 9.5.—Symphony Orchestra; Francis Russell (tenor); Clifton Helliwell (pianoforte). 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH (288.5 metres) and PLYMOUTH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 7.55-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres) and ABERDEEN (301.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.30.—Studio Orchestra; Bernard Ross (baritone). 5.45-6.15.—National. 7.55-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUNDEE (288.5 metres) and EDINBURGH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 7.55-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUBLIN (413 metres).—8.30.—Garda Siochana (Depot) Band. 9.30.—P. J. O'Toole (tenor). 9.45.—R. St. Quintin Downer (piano). 10.0.—Sponsored Programme.

INTERESTING ITEMS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY.—6.40.—Mozart Quartets, played by the International String Quartet. (Also each evening.) 7.45.—The Prince of Wales on "Poppy Day." 8.0.—"Brigade Exchange," a Sound Picture. 9.0.—Speech by the Prime Minister, following the Lord Mayor's Banquet. (Nat.)
9.30.—Vaudeville (London Reg.).
6.40.—Midland Studio Orchestra (Mid.).

TUESDAY.—10.30.—Cenotaph Service. 8.0.—British Legion Festival of Remembrance. 9.20.—Memories (Nat.).
8.0.—B.B.C. Orchestra (London Reg.).
7.30.—Lieder Recital by Robert Maitland (Mid.).

WEDNESDAY.—3.30.—Symphony Concert from Bournemouth. 8.0.—B.B.C. Symphony Concert (Nat.).
9.35.—"Give Me New York" (London Reg.).
8.35.—City of Birmingham Police Band Annual Concert (Mid.).

THURSDAY.—7.25.—Professor Ernest Barker on "What is Liberty?" 9.40.—"Give Me New York" (Nat.).
8.10.—Discussion on the National Theatre between Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth and Mr. Michael Sadleir (London Reg.).
7.0.—Operatic Programme (Mid.).

FRIDAY.—9.35.—Light Orchestral Concert (Nat.).
7.10.—The Ridgeway Parade VI. (London Reg.).
6.40.—"Paddly Pools": a Fantasy (Mid.).

SATURDAY.—7.45.—The Ridgeway Parade VI.
9.35.—Orchestral Concert (Nat.).
9.0.—Chamber Music (London Reg.).
6.45.—"The Song of Tiadatha" (Mid. and London Reg.).
7.30.—Organ Recital (Mid.).

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BERLIN (418 metres, 1.5 kw.).—2.5.—Tenor Song Recital. 3.10.—Orchestral Concert. 6.0.—Piano Recital. 7.—"Prince Igor," Opera (Borodine).

BRUSSELS (508.5 metres, 1 kw.).—6.—Dance Music. 8.15.—Orchestral Concert. Overture, "Tannhäuser" (Wagner). Songs. Ballet Music from "Patrie" (Paladilhe). 'Cello solo. Selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni). Ballet Music from "Le Cid" (Massenet). Wedgwood Blue (Ketelbey). Joyeuse marche (Chabrier).

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LANGENBERG (473 metres, 17 kw.) and COLOGNE (227 metres).—3.30.—Concert with Songs to the Lute. 7.0.—"Il Re Pastore," Opera (Mozart).

MADRID (424 metres, 2 kw.).—2.—Concert. Suite, Saragossa (Lapuerta); Selections from "A Masked Ball" (Verdi), "Bohemios" (Vives), "Lohengrin" (Wagner), and "The Snow Maiden" (Rimsky-Korsakoff); Recitations. 7.0.—Dance Music. 10.0.—Opera Selections.

OSLO (1,071 metres, 75 kw.).—4.25.—Song Recital from Works of Pauline Hall, composer at piano. 7.0.—Concert from Works of Wagner. 9.5.—Trio Concert.

PARIS (1,725 metres, 17 kw.).—5.30.—Concert from Sarah Bernhardt Theatre. 7.30.—Radio-Paris Guignol. 8.45.—Radio-Paris Music Hall.

ROME (441 metres, 75 kw.), Relayed by Naples (332 metres).—7.30.—Dance Music. 8.5.—"The Duchess of Chicago," Operetta (Kálmán).

STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 75 kw.) and MOTALA (1.348 metres, 40 kw.).—6.45.—Extract from "Oresteia," Trilory (Aeschylus), Music by Hilding Rosenberg. 8.40.—Orchestral Concert.

TOULOUSE (385 metres, 8 kw.).—5.0.—Dance Music. 6.0.—Concert. Overture, "Une fête à Aranjuez" (Demerssemann); Ballet Music from "Hérodiade" (Massenet); Dance Music; Overture, "Leonora" (Beethoven); Ballet Music from "Henry VIII." (Saint-Saëns); Selection from "The Tales of Hoffmann (Offenbach); Finale from the Fifth Symphony (Beethoven). 9.0.—Concert of Operetta Music. 10.30.—Violin Solos. 10.40.—Concert for British Listeners.

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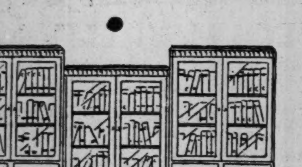

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HARA-KIRI.

Our disappointments at Bridge are due, as a rule, to our not holding sufficient winners; but they sometimes result, as I shall show in this article, from our holding too many. The problem which I propose to illustrate is one which, in its time, will have confronted most of my readers.

The game was Contract (though exactly the same situation would have arisen at Auction) and the cards were dealt as follows:—

♠ K
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ J 8 6

♠ A 8 6 4 3 2
♥ 10 6
♦ J 8 2
♣ A 3

Y
A B
Z

♠ 7
♥ A J 9 8
♦ 10 7 4
♣ Q 10 7 5 4

♠ Q J 10 9 5
♥ K Q 3
♦ Q 5
♣ K 9 2

A was the dealer, and the score love-all in the first game. And this was the bidding: A, "One Spade"; Y, "Two Diamonds"; B, "Two Hearts"; Z, "Two No-trumps"; all pass.

This bidding, as my readers will agree, is very much open to criticism, though it is not with its deficiencies that I am primarily concerned. A's initial bid is bad; with a bare two Quick Tricks he should pass, showing his Spades, if occasion arises, on the second round. Y's "Two Diamonds" is sound; he wants his partner to know what to lead if B should call "No-trumps." B's "Two Hearts" is poor; he should pass and await events. Z, with a double guard in both the adversaries' suits, is justified in his "No-trump" bid; I think, however, that his proper bid is "Three No-trumps." The chance of a further adverse call in Spades (which, of course, will give him a nice double) is a very remote one.

But now note how Z chose to play the hand. A led his fourth-best Spade and dummy took the first trick. Z now played a small Diamond from dummy up to his own Queen. Back again to dummy with his small Diamond. He has now no option but to "cash in" the Diamonds (as the Americans say) if dummy's tricks are to make at all. This means he must make three discards. He throws his small Heart, a small Club, and the nine of Spades. B, who sees perfectly clearly that his Hearts are useless, throws the nine and eight of that suit. A discards two small Spades. Z now plays a small Heart from dummy, and B puts up the Ace. The discomfiture of Z is now completed. B leads a small Club and Z (after some hesitation) plays the King. He argues that B would never have called Two Hearts without the Ace of Clubs. This is a bad argument; in so far as it is valid, it applies *a fortiori* to A's call of a Spade. But in any case, Z's only chance now is to let the Club run to dummy's Knave. A takes the trick with the Ace, leads out the Ace of Spades, and returns the Club through dummy's guarded Knave. AB make four more tricks in Clubs, and the wretched Z is two tricks down on his contract.

Z played badly in putting up his King of Clubs, but it is not here, of course, that the onus of criticism should rest. He really committed hara-kiri when he elected to begin by leading out the Diamonds. He did not stop to reflect—alas, how often this happens—upon the difficulties in which this apparently easy course would involve him. What Z should have done was to lead a Heart after taking the first trick with dummy's King of Spades. This makes his defences watertight at once. If B holds up the Ace, Z takes the trick in his own hand and proceeds to lead out Spades; whether A plays the Ace at once, or not, is immaterial. Whatever A leads back, the contract, and probably an overtrick, are easily secured. If B plays the Ace of Hearts at once, it is no more difficult for Z: in this case, indeed, he will probably make ten tricks. For B will presumably lead a Club at trick 3, and Z, having his King doubly guarded, can afford, without hesitation, to let the lead go by. It was only after he had squeezed his hand dry on dummy's Diamonds that the problem of the Clubs became difficult.

The moral is an obvious one and an old one. Before you begin to play out what look like easy winners, formulate a plan of campaign.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MINEHEAD.—The declarer concedes the last few tricks to his adversaries; it is then discovered that he cannot help making one of them. This trick can be claimed by either declarer or dummy, as the question at issue is a question of fact.

H. H. B.—A King is led against a "No-trump" declaration. Partner, holding Queen, x, x, should not play the Queen on the first round, but the higher of the two small cards. If the leader continues with the Ace, the Queen should, of course, be played next. The lead of the King does not necessarily show the Knave.

H. L. D. (Bournemouth).—Dummy, thinking his partner is playing a hand in a suit call under the impression that the bid is "No-trumps," draws his attention to the final declaration. There is, unfortunately, no penalty which can be exacted; that dummy has seriously offended against the etiquette of the game is, however, obvious. The declarer, I suggest, should have realised this, and should have continued to play as though dummy's ill-timed interference had not taken place.

PEKOO.—At Contract, love all, Z (dealer) holds Spades, A, K, x, x, x; Hearts, K, x, x; Diamonds, x, x; Clubs, A, J, x. Y holds Spades, Q, x, x; Hearts, A, x; Diamonds, K, x, x; Clubs, K, Q, x, x, x. In my opinion the best bidding is: Z "One Spade"; Y, "Three Clubs"; Z, "Four Clubs"; Y, "Four Spades." Y's "Three Clubs" is a forcing bid, and demands a response from Z. I do not think a Slam bid can properly be arrived at, though a Grand Slam (a very lucky one!) was, in fact, made.

A. E. J. (Pwllheli).—At Auction, Y dealt and bid "One No-trump," holding Spades, A, K, x, x; Hearts, A, x; Diamonds, A, 10, x, x; Clubs, A, x, x. Z took him into "Two Hearts," holding Spades, J, x, x, x, x; Hearts, K, Q, 10, x, x; Diamonds, x; Clubs, x, x. Y went back to "Two No-trumps" and Z to "Three Hearts." I am asked to comment on the bidding. I think Z was wrong to return to Hearts the second time; he has at least as good a hand as Y can expect to find, and if "Two No-trumps" turns out badly it is Y's funeral. But when Z did go back, Y was right to leave the bid in Hearts.

[Other correspondents have been answered by post.]

ACROSTICS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,346.

(The Tenth of the Quarter.)

When the Armistice came, what a boon it was reckoned,
For everyone longed for my first to be second.

1. A German city, with much to admire,
But the rubbishy part you'll not require.
2. Ancient the tribe, and warlike the folk,
And their queen withstood the invaders' yoke.
3. At one time freely in use, I am told,
In Austria silver, in Germany gold.
4. If the suicide's courage should fail at the end,
The job was completed sometimes by a friend.
5. This river is English, entirely so,
And yet the middle is Scotch, you know.
6. Add to a flower an aspirate,
And a nation find that has changed its state.
7. He lacks experience, do you state?
Well, that is no vice, at any rate.
8. A fish and a plank, combine the two,
And the strake of a vessel will come to view.

H. M. G.

Solutions, addressed to the Acrostic Editor, must reach the office of the SUNDAY TIMES, 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, not later than by first post on Friday next.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,345, AND ANSWER.

It helps you remember
The fifth of November.

1. How long? Those folk need not be wrong
Who say, Perhaps a first half long.
2. Two words, or merely half of one,
And laziness is now begun.
3. Give her a head, and so provide
What often is—a rhyme for guide.
4. Contention, hatred, room as well,
If all you know, the first one tell.

PAX.

1. F U R R O W
2. I N D O
3. R A S H E R
4. E S E K

NOTES.—Light 1. The derivation of "furlong," which means "the length of a furrow." 2. In, do; indolent; indolence. 3. Ras, head; with her, rasher; fried. 4. The first of the three wells; Genesis, xxvi., 20-22.

Acrostic No. 1,344 (Dead Heat).—Answers were received from 165 solvers, of whom 153 scored full marks.

No other words can be admitted for any of the lights of No. 1,343. In the case of the names suggested for the second light, the connection with laughter is a very weak link.

AGU.—"These missives" show the answer; look at the fourth and following letters.

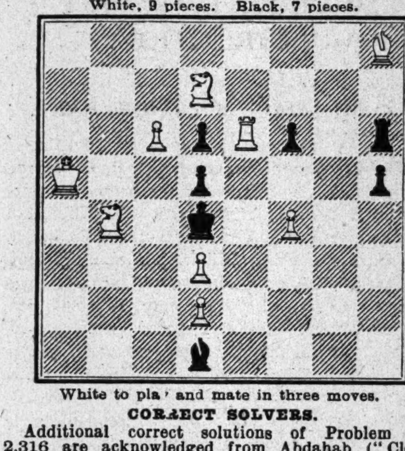
Will correspondents please note that all communications on Bridge, Chess and Acrostics should be addressed to 135, Fleet Street, E.C.4!

CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,317: 1. K—Kt5, K—Q4; 2. K—B4 mate. If 1. . . . any other move, 2. Q, R, or Kt mates accordingly. A pretty conception; but an additional White pawn is required at QKt7, to prevent: 1. Kt—Kt7, P—Q4; 2. Kt x P mate. 1. Kt—K6, is defeated by Kt x P; and, 1. Kt—B7, by P—Q4.

PROBLEM No. 2,318.—By HENRY A. READ.
White, 9 pieces. Black, 7 pieces.



White to play and mate in three moves.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,316 are acknowledged from Abdahab ("Clever and intricate"), C. V. Bean, W. G. Clarke, E. Cruttwell, R. W. Hopkins, Lt.-Col. F. Cunynhame Hughes, Mala, H. W. Meadows, M. Nierenstein, J. P. Orr ("Very pretty"), W. R. Rayer, and Sidney Rees, J.P.

Problem No. 2,317 has been solved by: J. W. Pepper, Dr. T. Wilson-Parry, H. T. Asche, W. R. Rayer, W. Fidler, J. T. H. Jenkins, I. M. Brown, J. E. Vaughan, E. H. Bramhall, H. W. Meadows, E. Cruttwell, V. G. Walrond, Martha Gasquoine, H. C. Robson, J. P. Orr, Heureka, Admiral Stuart Nicholson, R. H. Thompson, W. H. York, C. H. R. Crosby, V. H. Sladen, W. G. Lowe, E. A. Lassen, C. E. Craig, J. F. Powell, F. C. Saville, H. H. Greenway, K. T. B. Scott, F. P. Younghusband, Edgley, C. White, Tramp, B. C. Dickinson, Arbieff, F. H. Taylor, S. W. Garrod, H. Forouher, M. Nierenstein, J. I. Binks, A. Le Grys, J. R. Wilson, Sidney Rees, Ballygiblin, D. Corby, Rev. W. Scott, Dr. Edridge-Green, P. Groswert, F. Hurst, E. F. Cowen, P. Martin, L. G. Arnold, F. C. Aspin, J. C. Daniel, C. H. Hemming, Eva Thaddeus, S. H. Hossell, Senex, H. L. Monks, F. E. Peake, E. A. Chamberlain, R. H. Kettle, J. W. Pearson, A. F. Scott, G. T. Atkinson, Clephane, J. F. Robins, C. Brooke-Hill, H. Wingate, Mala, E. J. Baker, Abdahab, E. M. Coe, and R. W. Hopkins. 1. K—Kt6, suggested by Barronne de Montaignac, is defeated by Kt—K4, check.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

The following game, played between M. Edgar Colle (Belgian Champion) and Herr Franz Sämisch (Berlin) in the recent International Masters Tournament at Frankfort, contains instructive and brilliant complications:—

	White. F. Sämisch.	Black. E. Colle.
1	P—Q4	Kt—KB3
2	P—QB4	P—K3
3	Kt—QB3	B—Kt5
4	P—QR3 (a)	B x Kt (ch)
5	P x B	Kt—K5
6	Kt—R3? (b)	P—QB4! (c)
7	Q—B2	Q—R4!
8	B—Kt2 (d)	P—B4
9	P—B3	Kt—Q3
10	P—K3	P—QKt3
11	P—QR4 (e)	B—R3
12	Q—Kt3	Kt—B3
13	B—R3	P—B5! (f)
14	Kt x P?	P—KKt4!
15	P—Q5 (g)	P x Kt
16	P x Kt	Castle QR
17	P x BP	Kt—B4
18	P x P (ch) (h)	R x P
19	K—B2 (i)	R—Q7 (ch)
20	K—K sq (j)	Kt—Q5! (k)
21	P x Kt	R—R7 (dis. ch)
22	B—Kt4	Q x B (ch)
	Resigns (l)	

(a) Unnecessary and weak. Either, 4. Q—Kt3! or Q—B2, or Kt—B3 (Rubinstein's preference), or B—Q2, are all stronger moves.

(b) To admit of P—B3, later. The Kt is, however, poorly placed, and the move is against principles.

(c) Not Kt x QBP; 7. Q—B2!

(d) He could not, of course, take the Kt. The natural reply, however, was B—Q2.

(e) Doubtless concerned about his isolated QBP. If, for instance, 11. B—Q3, then, P x P; 12. P x P, B—R3; 13. Q—Kt3, Kt—B3; 14. Castles KR, R—QB sq; followed by Kt—K2; or Kt—Q sq; and the pawn must fall.

(f) An ingenious sacrifice, which ought to have been countered with 14. P—Q5.

(g) The late Mr. J. H. Blackburne once told a pupil: "Your moves are quite as good as mine, but you make them at the wrong time!" Now, P—Q5, which might have saved the situation on the previous move, results in a bad game for White. There was just a chance for a draw, with the following line of play:—15. Kt—R5, Kt—B4! 16. K—B2 (16. Kt—B6 (ch), K—K2; would be futile), 16. . . . P x P; 17. KP x P, QKt x P! 18. Q—Kt4! Q—K4; 19. R—K sq, Q x R (ch)! 20. K x Q, Kt—B7 (ch); 21. K—Q2, Kt x Q; 22. P x Kt.

(h) Merely making bad worse, probably due to time-limit pressure. The only hope for White was, 18. P—B7, and 19. K—B2.

(i) Possibly, 19. R—Q sq, might have been somewhat better.

(j) If K—Kt sq, then, Kt—K6; threatening B x P!

(k) A decisive blow; and probably overlooked by White, both on his 18th and 19th moves.

(l) For, after 23. Q x Q, R x R (ch); 24. K—B2, P x Q; the rest is hopeless for White. There are unusual features in this short game, well worth careful analysis by students; although it is plain to see that the German master was not at his best in the encounter.

In an International tourney with six players at Stockholm the young American master, I. Kashdan, won the first prize with 4½ points, ½ a point ahead of Bogoljuboff, and 2 points ahead of Spielmann!

CORRESPONDENCE.

W. X.—Ask the secretary to pair you with an average player. Problem solving, good, bad, or indifferent, is no criterion to the playing strength of solvers. An expert solver may be a weak player; whilst, contrariwise, a strong player may be a poor solver. It is all a matter of practice.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Rev. W. E. Lees; 3.15: Canon O. C. Quick; 7. The Dean of Llandaff.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Canon F. L. Donaldson; 3: Rev. L. Wright; 6.30: Canon C. S. Woodward.

Southwark Cathedral.—11 and 6.30: Canon J. R. Haldane.

Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.—11.15: The Bishop of Ely.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks.—11: Rev. C. Egerton Chadwick; 6.30: Rev. R. J. Northcott.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. H. B. Chapman.

All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower.—11: Mr. G. A. Macmillan; 6.30: Rev. P. B. Clayton.

All Saints, Margaret Street.—11.15: Ven. E. Holmes; 6: Prebendary H. F. B. Mackay.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11: Canon Carnegie; 7: Rev. E. Jervis.

Christ Church, Down Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Farren.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone, Cosway Street.—11: Rev. E. J. Dent; 6.30: Bishop of Willesden.

Christ Church, Victoria Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. P. T. R. Kirk.

Christ Church, Albany Street.—11: Parade Service Royal Horse Guards, Rev. R. S. Swann-Mason; 6.30: Rev. R. S. Swann-Mason.

Holy Trinity, Sloane Street.—11.15: Bishop of St. Albans; 3: Rev. Dr. Dearmer; 6.30: Rev. C. Cheshire.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11: Rev. J. M. Vallance; 6.30: Canon F. W. Mervyn.

Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield.—11: Address by Captain Gerald Villiers, R.N.; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11.30: Rev. S. Emberson; 6.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier.

St. George's, Hanover Square.—11: Archdeacon of Middlesex; 6.30: Rev. A. V. Dixon.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11: Ven. C. E. Lambert; 6.15: Rev. A. L. Giles.

St. John's, Regent's Park.—11: Rev. R. F. Godwin; 6.30: Rev. E. J. Dent.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—11.30: M.P.; 11.30: Young People's Service (crypt); 3.30: People's Service; 6.15: E.S.; 8: Rev. W. R. Maltby.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11: Rev. Dr. Morrison; 7: Rev. H. Burne.

St. Mary's, Bourdon Street.—11: Rev. G. H. Colbeck; 6.30: Rev. H. T. S. Graves.

St. Mary's, Bryanston Square.—11: Rev. A. E. N. Simms; 6.30: Rev. R. Rynd.

St. Michael's Church, Chester Square.—11 and 6.30: Rev W. H. Elliott.

St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.—11.15: Rev. E. K. C. Hamilton; 3 and 6.30: Rev. L. F. Williams.

Temple Church.—11: Rev. K. E. Kirk; 3: Rev. R. F. Rynd.

Lincoln's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Canon V. F. Storr.

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Canon W. R. Matthews.

Brompton Parish Church.—11: Rev. F. Ll. Hughes; 6.30: Rev. H. S. Sard.

St. Mark's, North Audley Street.—11: Canon C. Bell; 6.30: Rev. W. G. Pennyman.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

Westminster Cathedral.—10.30: H.M.; 12: L.M. and Sermon, Rev. J. McCartley, O.S.M.; 3.15: Vesp. and Ben.; 7: Comp, Sermon and Ben.

The Oratory, South Kensington.—10.45: H.M.; 3.30: Vesp and Ben.; 7: Night Service.

Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street.—10.50: H.M.; 12: L.M., Rev. F. Woodlock, S.J.; 3.30: Rev. A. Day, S.J.

Scottish National Church, Crown Court, Covent Garden.—11.15 and 6.30: Rev. J. Moffett.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, S.W.—11: Rev. I. R. Gillan; 6.30: Rev. Dr. A. Fleming.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns, B.D.

Regent Square Presbyterian Church, W.C.—11 and 7: Rev. G. T. Bellhouse.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Allen Street, Kensington.—11: Rev. W. P. Boyes; 6.30: Rev. W. D. Maxwell.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. D. T. Young, D.D.; 3.30: Rev. J. E. Eagles.

City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.—11 and 7: Rev. F. W. Norwood.

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TO-MORROW'S CAUSE LIST.

Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

At 10.30: Petns.—Canadian National Railways v. Picard-Richard, Assicurazioni Generali v. Selim Cotran; Sri 5 Rani Chhatra Kumari Devi v. Prince Sri 5 Mohan Bikram Shah and ors. (and connected Appeals—csnldtd.). Not before 11: Appeal.—Steamship Eurana v. Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co.

House of Lords.

At 10.45: Owners s.s. Alcantara v. Owners sailing ship Tovarisch (hrg.) (with Nautical Assessors).

Court of Appeal.

COURT I. (Master of the Rolls, Lawrence and Romer, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From Chanc. and Prob. and Div. Dvns.—Appeals.—From Chanc. Dvn. (Final List).—Sagar v. H. Ridehalgh and Son—appl. of Defts. from order of Farwell, J. Re Hamilton—Fell v. Hamilton—appl. of Deft. A. R. D. Hamilton from order of Clauson, J.

COURT II. (Scrutton, Greer, and Slesser, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From K.B. and Admrlty Dvns.—Appeals.—From K.B.D. (F. and N.T. List).—Reckitt v. Midland Bank, appl. of Pltff. from judgt. Rowlatt, J.; Levene v. Carnera, appln. of Deft. for judgt. or new trial on appl. from verdict and judgt. at trial before Talbot, J.; Filograph (Parent) Co. v. Potter—appl. of Pltfs. from judgt. of Acton, J. (Query not effective): Hulbert v. Thurston—appln. of Deft. for judgt. or new trial on appl. from verdict and judgt. at trial before Acton, J.

Chancery Division.

COURT I. (Eve, J.).—At 11: Witness List.—Part II.—Mallards v. Gibbons Bros. "Rotary" Co. (action and adjd. smns.) (pt. hd.), and re Mallard's Design, No. 742187 and re Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 to 1919 (motion); Botting v. Williams (action and counter-claim).

COURT III. (Clauson, J.).—At 10.30: Sitting in Bnkrptcy.—Motions.—Re Shaw, H.—expte. F. Stuart v. F. S. Salaman, Trustee; re Dawkins, G. L.—expte. O.R. v. Schwab and Snelling; re Yalofsky, I.—expte. Mark Banus, Trustee, v. Hyman Golker; re Bottomley, H. W.—expte. Trustees in Bankruptcy (No. 846 of 1929 v. Trustees in Bankruptcy (No. 500 of 1922); Dufayel, D.—expte. O.R., Trustee, v. F. Manches; Jonesco, B.—expte. D. G. Hall v. Trustees. Not before 12: Chanc. Dvn.—Witness List.—Part I.—South London Greyhound Racecourses v. Wake (action and counter-claim) (pt. hd.).

COURT V. (Maugham, J.).—At 10.30: Petns. (unoppd. first).—To wind up.—British Filmcraft Prodns.; Mead; Childs and Shenield; Hycolite Liquid Wall Paper Manfg. Co.; Billie Collins; Blenheim Motor and Tyre Co.; House Builders' Assocn.; Northampton House Club; Aeroplane Automatic Devices; Atlas Artificial Silk Processes—Manchester Dist. Regy.; C. B. and M. (Tailors); Far and Near East Exhibitions Pav.; Property and General Finance Corp.; Essex Fire Extinguisher; International Colloidal Synd.; H. S. Freedman and Co.; Beenham Stud (Kingsclere); Broad Street Press; Motor Coach Owners Mutual Insce. Soc.; Solidol Chemical. Not before 11: To confirm reduction of capital: I. and I. Craven and Co.; Geo. Wostenholme and Son; L. J. Healing and Co.; Fevez Freres; Anglo-Burma Tin Co.; Ham-Hill and Doulting Stone Co.; Pugsley and Wakelin; Associated Brick and Tile Works. Adjd. Smnses.—City Equitable Fire Insce. Co. (appln. of A. J. Collins and Co.) (pt. hd.); Buckingham Brick and Tile Co. (appln. of J. M. Willis—with witnesses).

COURT II. (Luxmoore, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—A to D (Master Chitty).—Without Counsel.—Adler v. Osterley. To follow A to D Dvn.—E to K (Master Holland).—With Counsel.—Re Hawkins, dec (Hawkins v. Overhead); Ingram v. Patterson; re Lucas-Tooth, dec. (Bright v. Lucas-Tooth); re Keren Kayemeth Leisrael. Without Counsel.—Re Haendler, dec. (Attorney-Gen. v. Revel); re Hills, dec. (Hills v. Wright). To be Mentd.—Re Duke of Fife, dec. (Princess Royal v. Duke of Fife).—To follow E to K Dvn.—S to Z (Master Mosse).—With Counsel.—Vale of Neath Dinas Fire Brick and Cement Co. v. Amalgd. Dinas Silica Works. To follow S to Z Dvn.—L to R (Master Watkin Williams).—With Counsel.—Re Molony's Sttlmt. Trusts; to be mentd. (1). In Court.—Not before 11.30: From Clauson's, J., List. Witness List.—Part I. Hamilton Palmer v. Palmer (action and counter claim) (pt. hd.).

COURT IV. (Farwell, J.).—At 10.30: Witness List.—Part II.—Amalgd. Carburetters v. Bowden Wire (action and counter-claim) (pt. hd.).

LORD CHANC. COURT (Bennett, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—Chief Master Hulbert.—Without Counsel.—Re Tchaykovsky, inf. To follow Chief Master.—E to K (Master Keen).—With Counsel.—Goodheart v. Gardnor-Beard. Without Counsel.—Re Emerson, dec. (Croasdell v. Denham). To follow E to K Dvn.—L to R (Master H. W. Jelf).—With Counsel.—Re Ranking, dec.; re Redfern, dec.; Pruvost Fils et Compagnie v. Seatoun; Mechanical Copyright Protection Soc. v. Broadhurst. To follow L to R Dvn.—S to Z (Master Chandler).—With Counsel.—Spalding v. Perry; re Sebright's Sttlmt. Without Counsel.—Waddington and Sons v. Wilkes; re Peters, dec., and re Trustee Act and re Peters, inf. To follow S to Z Dvn.—A to D (Master Ridsdale).—With Counsel.—Re Christie-Millars Sttlmt.; re Colgraves Sttlmt. Trusts (Cotham v. Colgrave); re Austens Will Trusts (Roberts v. Collins); re Berolzheimer, dec. (Berolzheimer v. Berolzheimer). Without Counsel.—Bagues v. Dock Freehold Trust. With Counsel.—Re Beecham, dec. (Beecham v. More).

King's Bench Division.

L.C.J.'s COURT (Dvnl.) (Avory, Swift, and Acton, JJ.).—At 10.30: Expte. Motions.

COURT IX. (Rowlatt, J.).—At 11: Rev. Paper.—English Informations.—Motion for Decree in Terms of Consent. Attorney-Gen. and A. S. Plews (Plaintiff) and W. Owen (Def.).—For Hearing.—Attorney-Gen. and Dame Annie H. Yule and Mercantile Bank of India.

COURT VII. (Horridge, J.).—At 10.30: Special Jury.—Schorno v. Fischer and ors. (pt. hd.).

COURT IV. (McCardie, J.).—At 11: Non-Juries.—Barlow, Lyde and Yates v. Chalmers; Adamson v. Purkis.

CRIM. APPEAL COURT (Branson, J.).—Chmbrs. Judge).—At 10.30: Non-Juries.—John Thrift and Sons v. Kingdon (pt. hd.); Coe v. Rapson Tyre and Jack Co.; Feltz v. Warner Bros. Pictures and ors.

COURT II. (Talbot, J.).—At 10.30: Common Juries.—Wright v. Piper and anr.; Dale v. Foundations Co. and ors.; Secchi v. Etherton-Smith.

COURT VIII. (Wright, J.).—At 10.45: Commerc. Smnses.—Attd. by Counsel.—Henique Lage v. Siemens Bros. Not Attd. by Counsel.—British Leather Co. v. Beebee; Green Star S.S. Co. v. London Assce. and ors. Not before 11: Commerc. List.—Cont. Contractors v. Vickers-Armstrong. In Room 652, at 1.50: Smns.—General Asphalt Co. v. Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.

To Jurors.—Special Jurors for L.C.J.'s Court and Special Jurors for Court VII., other than those in pt. hd case. need not attend until Tuesday. Common Jurors for Court II. must attend at 10.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

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Probate, Divorce and Admiralty.

COURT III. (Bateson, J.).—At 10.30: Prob. and Div. Sumnses.—Not before 12: Applns. to make absolute decrees nisi in 151 causes. Prob. Motions.—Beatty, F. E., pres. dec.; Sakamoto, K., dec.; Atkins, F. C. W., dec.; Barker, S. J., dec.; Wilkinson, H. S., dec.; Came, R. R., dec.; Humble-Crofts, A. M., dec. Div. Motions.—Bass v. Bass and Pearce (K.P. showing cause); Spendlove v. Spendlove and Lingham (K.P. showing cause). Not before 12.30: Undef. Div. Causes.—Kliegl v. Kliegl and Marsh orse. James (pa. hd.); Rothwell, D. E., v. Rothwell, L. A. (109); Trimming, F. A., v. Trimming, A. P. (111); Browne, O. M. M., v. Browne, A. G. C. (113); Best, V. H., v. Best, F. A. (119); Henderson, V. L. H., v. Henderson, J. G. (120).

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AUCTIONS & ESTATES

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Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate, S.W.—11: Rev. J. D. Jones; 7: Rev. W. P. Williams.

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St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap. — "Remembrance Sunday" at 7 p.m. The Rector.

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THE KUOMINTANG AND CHINA.

CRITICAL CONFERENCE

WAR OR PEACE?

By O. M. GREEN.

For the first time for over two years a plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, the supreme governing authority in China, opens in Nanking on December 12. Its agenda paper includes discussion of foreign policy, the question of holding a people's national Congress, and revision of the programme in force during the "period of political tutelage"—i.e., the period described by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, in which the people are to be educated up to the exercise of self-government. By reason both of the subjects under discussion, and still more of the point at which China's affairs now stand, the coming conference is of supreme importance. Will it succeed in bringing genuine reform into the Nationalist system of government in harmony with the needs and instincts of this vast country? Or will it only prove the precursor of renewed war next spring? There appears no alternative.

Hope for the future lies only in an accurate understanding of errors of the past. In previous articles in the SUNDAY TIMES I have never failed to recognise the faults on the Northern side, the enormous problem involved in the respective temperaments and ambitions of Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang. But since the Kuomintang claim to be the leaders of modern China, and are better educated than their opponents, more is naturally expected of them. But when, on resuming office of Commander-in-Chief on January 5, 1928, General Chiang Kai-shek publicly lectured them on their "lack of confidence and over-conceit," he laid one charge at least which the past three years have done nothing to refute.

THE LAST SESSION.

The last plenary session of the Central Executive Committee met on August 1, 1928. The jealousy of the "outs" for the "ins" led them to block proceedings by the simple device of absenting themselves; and it was nearly a fortnight before General Chiang, by personal persuasion of the malcontents, succeeded in forming a quorum, and a few perfunctory resolutions were rushed through.

The outstanding events of the session were a renewed demand for a Budget by Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, who showed in the plainest terms the parlous state of China's finances, and a memorial from the Law Codification Bureau, whose chairman, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, is a recognised jurist and one of the most respected men in China, on the need of a written constitution defining the relative positions and powers of Government, Provinces, Ministers, and people.

Though warmly backed by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce, who warned Nanking that, unless Mr. Soong's demands were satisfied, the new Government "would be worse than the old militarists," no Budget has ever been framed nor has the Finance Ministry the slightest control over the spending of the money it must squeeze out of the people. The answer to the Law Codification Bureau was the instrument of Government promulgated on October 10, 1928.

This instrument was drafted in exactly fifteen days. The intention in framing it, and, of course, of the Law Codification Bureau, had been to put a check on the tyranny of the Central Executive Committee, already abundantly evident. But the Kuomintang, alarmed at the growing power of Chiang Kai-shek and for its own privilege, by the sort of intrigue which is not unknown in other countries but is seen at its finest in China, got itself inserted in a preamble tacked on at the eleventh hour as the sole fount of all authority and law. Therewith the rest of the instrument became meaningless.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

One example will show how absolute is the power of the C.E.C. Last January a petition for a "People's Bill of Rights," supported by some of the leading men in Nanking, was presented to the Government. It asked for equality of all men before the law, freedom of speech, protection of property, and protection from arbitrary arrest—elementary rights in any democratic country, but quite unknown in China. The C.E.C., however, replied that it was all the guardian of popular right that was wanted, and rejected the Bill.

Discouraging as were the events of August and October, 1928, worse was to follow. The Third Party Congress of the whole of the Kuomintang was held on March 15, 1929. It had been postponed from the originally fixed date in December to enable Nanking to remodel the method of election of delegates to its own liking. When the Congress opened 80 per cent of the delegates were creatures of the reigning C.E.C It has never been denied by Nanking that they manipulated the elections in order to secure a favourable majority, but they plead the virtue of necessity, and that the work of reform demanded the uninterrupted continuance of the faction in power. The practical unwisdom of this manœuvre was soon, and has ever since been, apparent. The Left Wing launched a furious manifesto. No sooner is Peking captured and the nation apparently unified, they wrote, than the party (Kuomintang) "sinks into a state of deplorable decadence.

A MALIGNANT POWER.

And never since have the Left Wing and all other opponents of the Nanking junta ceased to denounce "the illegal government of Nanking" with a logical force which is enhanced by the country's disappointment at the failure of Nationalism's promises. Although the North got the worst of things in the last fighting, the moral force of the Left Wing is as strong as ever, and will be stronger still unless the coming Conference proves that the C.E.C. has learnt something in the past two years.

We know fairly well where the prominent men stand. In a series of speeches last spring (they would really make an interesting pamphlet) Chiang Kai-shek has denounced the indolence, nepotism, and luxury of Nanking. On Chinese New Year Day—the celebration of which had been forbidden on the calendar being revised—he visited all the Government offices, and found all but one empty and idle "How," he asked, "shall we expect the people to obey the law when we ourselves are so lawless?" And in another bitter speech, "We are continually criticised by foreigners for being only capable of talk. How can we deny it?" Many men in Nanking, probably all those whose names are most familiar abroad, know what ought to be done and would like to do it. But it is the curse of political life in China that the apparent leaders do not really exercise the control. As, under the Empire, policy was too often swayed by eunuchs and concubines—"the rats and foxes" of Court life—so in Nationalist China there is always some malignant power in the background, the young men of Rehoboam, which thwarts action and stultifies good counsel.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

At least that is the experience of the past two and a-half years. One can only pray that the coming Conference may have better luck. With such an agenda paper, surely something ought to result. Also there is the great potential influence of Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria, who now controls practically all the North. When being invested with the Vice-Commandership-in-Chief by Nanking, he replied briefly to the Nanking delegate's adjuration that he would "assist in rounding up the remnants of the rebel forces," that he hoped to do his duty, and that his only aim was peace.

REVISION OF THE PEACE TREATIES.

THE ITALIAN VIEW.

MODIFICATION, NOT DESTRUCTION.

By SIR CHARLES PETRIE, BART.

In these latter days there is, politically speaking, little difference in crossing the Rhine and the Alps, for in both instances one quits a country well satisfied with the European *status quo*, and enters one where its alteration is being demanded with ever-increasing emphasis; the only difference between the Italian and German attitude towards the Peace Treaties being that in Rome it is realised on all hands that any revision or modification can only be the result of a compromise between the Powers concerned, whereas in Berlin there is now a considerable party which desires to resort to more violent methods.

Signor Mussolini, in the speeches which he has recently delivered, has made no secret of his views upon this subject, and the official Italian attitude is not only quite clear, but there can also be no doubt that it represents the vast body of public opinion in Italy. It is, in short, felt that a modification of the Treaties could now be effected with the minimum of inconvenience, whereas the longer the matter is postponed the greater will be the risk of a catastrophe. This is certainly the opinion of the *Duce* himself, for he never loses an opportunity in private conversation of stressing the fact that he desires merely the modification, not the destruction, of the Treaties, and that in taking this line he can claim to be acting as a good European, as well as a patriotic Italian.

THE POLISH CORRIDOR AND HUNGARY.

The abolition of the Polish Corridor is felt at Rome to be inevitable, on grounds of equity as well as for political reasons. Rightly or wrongly, it is certainly resented by Germany more than any of the territorial clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, and in these circumstances it supplies a continual cause of bitterness. Furthermore, Italians do not consider that the loss of the Corridor would inflict any material injury upon Poland, while the removal of her chief bone of contention with her Western neighbour would be a very definite source of strength.

The restoration of her lost provinces to Hungary and the eventual return of the Archduke Otto to the throne are also believed in Italy to be advisable. At the same time, it is widely realised that Lord Rothermere has encouraged the Hungarians to hope for too much, and it is not regarded as within the scope of practicable politics to restore the old frontiers of pre-war days. A modification is all that is deemed necessary, and this might be effected in such a way as to reduce the number of Magyars under foreign rule without thereby bringing any alien elements under the control of Budapest.

COLONIAL EXPANSION.

Lastly, there is the demand for Italian colonial expansion, though what actual form the latter should take is subject to considerable difference of opinion. Some would have an outlet on the Gulf of Guinea, with a corridor to it from Libya, but Signor Mussolini is said to favour expansion within the Mediterranean, and in this he has undoubtedly the majority of his fellow countrymen with him. In the present circumstances this can only mean the cession of Eastern Tunis by France, which is out of the question; the transference of the Syrian Mandate, which is highly improbable; or the occupation of Asia Minor upon the break-up of Turkey, which most Italians believe will follow the death or resignation of Mustapha Kemal. It is, indeed, impossible to discuss the problem of colonial expansion in Italian political circles without feeling that Asia Minor is the ultimate goal.

A THREE-POWER AGREEMENT.

To the objection that the mere suggestion of revision would cause Germany to put forward a claim to her old colonies, the reply is that there is no reason to suppose any such thing. On the contrary, moderate opinion in that country would be considerably strengthened by the revelation of the fact that the ex-Allies do not regard the Treaties as immutable, and the advocates of compromise, as opposed to those of violence. would benefit thereby. In particular, revision would not entail any sacrifice on the part of Great Britain.

As has already been said, Italian opinion is essentially pacific. What is advocated in Rome is a Three-Power agreement between Great Britain, France, and Italy as to the modifications of the Peace Treaties which are deemed necessary, and then the opening of negotiations with Germany and the other States affected. A preliminary understanding between the three ex-Allies is regarded as indispensable, and in this connection it is hoped that the British Government will use its good offices to persuade the Quai d'Orsay to swallow the, to it, bitter pill of revision.

The alternative, in Italian eyes, is the growth of the forces of discontent in Central Europe until another explosion, analogous to that of 1914, occurs. The result of the German elections was at once a lesson and a warning. Such is the belief underlying the speeches with which Signor Mussolini has ushered in the ninth year of Fascism.

FRAYLES.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—The probable meaning of this word is the same as the more modern "Frail," from Old French "Frayel," meaning a basket made of rushes for figs, raisins, etc.; it also means the quantity of fruit, about 70 lb., contained in such a basket, and, thirdly, the rushes of which the baskets are made.

It is, perhaps, interesting to note in passing that the old Wiltshire family of Frayling has been thought to derive its name from "Frayel-Ing," the people who made baskets. FRED. GROVE-PALMER.

Onslow Gardens, N.

Sir,—The word "Frayle" or "Frail" is an old Kentish dialect word, used to denote the flail or hand implement used for threshing corn before the advent of the steam threshing machine.

The frail or flail consisted of the following parts—(1) the hand staff, or part grasped by the thresher's hands, (2) the hand staff cap (made of wood), which secured the thong to the hand staff; (3) the middle bun, or flexible leathern thong, which served as the connecting link between hand staff and swingel; (4) the swingel cap, made of leather, which secured the middle bun to the swingel; (5) the swingel itself, which swung free and struck the corn.

Chislehurst. CECIL R. FRIGHT.

Sir,—The word "Frayles," as a term used in farming, occurs in Norfolk. Two staves notched at either end and fastened by stout string or thongs, and used to hold the thatcher's sheaf of straw, are termed a "pair of frayles."

A certain type of rush basket, used by workmen on the farms hereabouts, is termed a "Frayle" (or "Frail") basket.

King's Lynn. J. GUNSTON.

[Replies have also been received from A. W. B. Messenger (Rochester), H. A. Donald (E.), Phil. W. Thompson (Ipswich), F. C. B. (Bury Street, S.W.), Osmond Beeby (Ryde), Alfred Bourne (Tenterden, Kent), and Sir Loftus Bates (Hexham).]

TSARIST RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD IN WARTIME.

OUTBREAK OF THE REVOLUTION.

By COMMANDER OLIVER LOCKER-LAMPSON, M.P.

I never dreamed when I met Sam Hoare (as I must call him), immaculate in khaki and red tabs at Petrograd, in 1916, that it was Kitchener who had roused the latent military spirit within him and that it was our old neighbour, W. T. Birkbeck, of Norfolk, who encouraged him to learn Russian. He mastered that complex tongue with an ease denied you and me, and it stood him in good stead as Intelligence Officer to our Military Mission in Russia. He was soon here the centre of spy plots and the unraveller of endless mysteries and misunderstandings, and his tact and urbanity proved often the sole medium through which we could overcome official indolence and obstruction. Nobody living in Petrograd at the time but must find revived magically by his pen those war conditions in Russia when necessaries were absent in the shops and ammunition in the arsenals, but the giddy glory of the theatre and ballet remained undimmed.

Sir Samuel was also instrumental in encouraging Rumania at a critical time when her entry into the war hung in the balance, and it is affecting to remember his association then with Lord Thomson, who was strangely to succeed him as Air Minister, and then die in R101: and of whom Mr. Lloyd George recently spoke as an Allied bulwark, whose advice, if taken, might have saved many losses and mistakes.

Russia at this time was not only an autocracy living under the shadow of a secret police; it was also a theocracy haunted by the spectre of the master monk Rasputin. I remember those days when no one dared mention that sinister name, and once, when I happened to utter it, a Russian friend went white and, quickly glancing behind to see that no one had overheard, he begged me to be silent.

RASPUTIN'S DEATH.

Sir Samuel's account of Rasputin's death in his new book "The Fourth Seal" (Heinemann. 15s.) is the best because the most reliable. He lets that horrid story tell itself, and what with the fascination of Rasputin's personality and the utter shame of his end, it must grip every reader. I can never forget the bombshell of the news of Rasputin's disappearance, when nothing but a blood-stained golosh was found on the banks of the Neva.

Sir Samuel's picture of the Tsar also is tragic and true. Here was a good "family-man" but a poor monarch, who allowed Rasputin to be to the Empress what Cagliostro was to Marie Antoinette. The pestiferous rumours of these relations, however untrue, wore away all reverence for the Tsarina and destroyed the prestige of monarchy itself.

Although Rasputin was not actually a traitor in the sense that he sold Russia to the enemy, he was out for a good time at the expense of his country. Undoubtedly he sold places and honours in high quarters and round the Court. It was the Tsar under petticoat influence who dismissed Sazanov and imported Sturmer, and who soured the last pitiful days of chop and change through which the monarchy lurched.

I also remember clearly the news reaching Russia of Kitchener's death, described graphically by our author. It may to us seem a matter of only casual account for an alien Ally then at such a distance. But let us recall the legend of Kitchener's name; a legend reinforced a thousandfold in Russia by ignorance and rumour. Kitchener would have arrived in Russia the mightiest figure among the Allies, and by force of presence and prestige he would have compelled the Emperor, if not actually to reform Army Headquarters at once, at any rate to grant to the country some form of self-government which would have satisfied extremists.

He would have introduced ammunition and artillery to the denuded battalions at the Front, and probably created an Anglo-Russian staff which would have co-ordinated future movements upon respective fronts.

THE MILNER MISSION.

Lord Kitchener's place was taken by Lord Milner and Sir Henry Wilson, who were treated with elaborate courtesy by the Russian authorities, but they failed to soften the Tsar's heart one fraction or to stiffen his will. Indeed, by common consent all parties in Russia agreed to camouflage their action pending the return of the Milner Mission, in order to be free later to declare the Revolution, which would never have dared to lift its head with Kitchener in the country.

Few explain this clearer than Sir Samuel. He escaped from Russia ultimately across that makeshift Murmansk Railway which I knew too well, as I had been locked in the Arctic along the Lapland coast with my unit for many months. Indeed, I am proud to find myself credited with having assisted to bring him to ultimate safety, for he narrates that "the permanent way, which was subsiding into the White Sea at one point, ran over an embankment made out of Oliver Locker-Lampson's armoured cars."

But while his description of Russian life in those faded days is unforgettable; while his pen pictures of scenes are vivid and vital I like no less his summing-up of characters at the end of the book. Captain Cromie was indeed a hero when he allowed himself to be shot in our Embassy by Soviet soldiers. General Kolchak was indeed a gallant adventurer, and his fate, betrayed by the French to the Bolsheviks, is the last word in pathos. While Sir Samuel brings back to me, as if she were in the room as I write, the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, whom I called on in her convent in Moscow. This saint was cut to bits and flung down a well.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH.

But perhaps Sir Samuel is most sure in his estimate of the Russian Church. It was another Norfolk man, Birkbeck, who studied the origins of the Russian Orthodox Church and who brought Anglicans to realise the close communion of the two branches. It was he who decorated a remote Norfolk chancel in the barbaric Greek style and translated ancient Slavonic liturgies into lovely English. He must have captured Sir Samuel Hoare's sense of romance in early days.

Nihilism has triumphed in Russia since, and doubt and tyranny dominate the Slav state to-day. But faith and freedom will revive and destroy the "Fourth Beast" in the end. This is the lesson of this book. Belief is stronger than Bolshevism.

"BRAID SCOTS" DIALECT.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—Examples of words in the Scotch vernacular given by your several correspondents, which are French in origin, are extremely interesting, especially the Scots shepherd's cry to his dog "Coutch," presumably from "couche," "coucher" (Fr.).

Per contra, it would be rather strange if a penetrating race like the Scots did not leave its impress linguistically, during the period of the "Auld Alliance," and probably some of your French readers may come forward with one or two examples.

Glasgow. W. C. MACNIE.

Sir,—To the list of Scots words with French derivations, given by your correspondents, might be added the word "ashet," meaning a large dish: undoubtedly a corruption of the French "assiette."

Gillingham. A. GORDON MACLEOD.

Sir,—I note a correspondent claims the word "fash" as Braid Scots, but it is a word that is in common use in Northumberland; for instance: "divn't fash" (i.e., do not bother).

I have seen an inn bill dated over a hundred years ago in which one of the items was "fash, 6d." (i.e., service).

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THE POLICY OF THE QUOTA.

WHAT IT REALLY MEANS.

HELP FOR AGRICULTURE.

By SIR JOHN POWER, Bart., M.P.

That something must be done in connection with supplies of wheat has long been acknowledged by all parties, and rival schemes for dealing with the problem multiply themselves. We have the Free Traders' point of view, which appears to be that of "Do nothing and we will muddle through somehow." But matters have long since passed this stage. Modern conditions have altered our outlook, and the question has developed from being, as it was at one time, merely an agricultural problem into one of Imperial dimensions, and is also, without doubt, going to be the great domestic issue at the next General Election.

The Dominions ask for an assured sale for their wheat in our home market, and provided they are able to sell their wheat to us at current world prices, it is understood that they would be content, and in return for this security of sale they are prepared to give our trade further preferential advantages over our foreign competitors in their markets. No tariff of any reasonable proportions could possibly give them this security of sale which they so earnestly desire, and for which they ask us. The Quota System has, therefore, been evolved after an immense amount of study of the question. The problem is a complicated one, as the difficulty is to find some method that will give help to agriculture in this country which is in a state of semi-bankruptcy, give the Dominions what they want, and leave us still in a position to bargain with foreign suppliers of wheat.

GUARANTEED PRICE FOR THE FARMER.

The first item of the Conservative policy is that of a guaranteed price to the home farmer for his wheat. The price which the home farmer receives for his wheat grown in this country is to-day somewhere between 28s. and 30s. per quarter, and it costs him to grow the wheat somewhere between 50s. and 60s. per quarter, so that he is subject to a heavy loss on every quarter of wheat that he grows. It will therefore be seen that a continuance of present prices means eventual bankruptcy for every farmer in this country who grows wheat, and it can only be a question of time until wheat growing in this country becomes merely a memory. It gives one some idea of the change that has come about in farming conditions when it is remembered that 100 years ago the British farmer received a higher price per quarter for his wheat than he does to-day. In those days, moreover, the wages he paid his labourers were 7s. to 8s. per week.

To-day conditions of life have entirely changed, and the farmer is compelled by the State through the Agricultural Wages Committees to pay his labourers between 30s. and 36s. per week. Moreover, the farmer has to pay overtime and various other expenses which were unknown 100 years ago. If we are to keep wheat-growing alive in this country we shall have to pay for it. It is no longer an asset, it is a liability. Agriculture has been sacrificed to Industry, with its persistent demand for cheap food.

HOME WHEAT GROWING.

What we have to consider is whether wheat-growing at home is worth preserving or not. If, unhappily, another war were to occur we should have any doubts upon the question immediately and drastically solved. That is one aspect of the question; there is the other important one of deciding whether we wish to keep the land in cultivation and the labourers employed, or are we content to see the land go out of cultivation and the farm labourers driven to swell the ranks of the unemployed? Looking at the matter from a purely business point of view it seems to me that we should lose both financially and morally. Wheat-growing is an essential part of the rotation of crops and its absence would mean the general collapse of arable farming.

This is a condition of things that could hardly be contemplated, and if this is admitted to be impossible, it becomes a question of how much we are prepared to pay for the protection of our food supplies grown at home. Payment for the protection of our food supplies is not a novel idea when one remembers that we pay millions of pounds to construct and maintain ships of war to guard the trade routes and ensure the safe arrival of our food supplies from overseas. What objection, therefore, can there be to paying such sum as may be necessary to keep alive the growing of food in this country?

The Conservative Party have accepted the principle that wheat-growing must be kept alive, and that such assistance shall be given to the farmer as may be necessary to keep the present acreage under cultivation, and, if possible, increase it. Millions of acres are gradually going out of cultivation. The Conservative Party propose, therefore, that a guaranteed price per quarter shall be paid to the home farmer for his wheat, such guaranteed price to be arrived at after the most careful consideration of the cost of production. The farmer would receive his price from the miller accordingly, and the miller would reclaim from the State the difference between the world price and the guaranteed Government price.

OUR WHEAT CONSUMPTION.

Roughly speaking, we may take it that Great Britain consumes about 30 million quarters of wheat annually, of which the home farmers produce about 6 million, which leaves 24 million quarters to be imported. At the present time we take from Dominion sources and India 44½ per cent. of our requirements, and no less than 42 per cent. comes from foreign sources, notwithstanding the fact that the Dominions are more than capable of supplying the whole of our requirements. At present, for example, Canada supplies us with about 30 per cent. of our requirements. Under the Quota system we might offer to increase Canada's share by, say, another 15 per cent. if, in return, Canada will give us corresponding advantages for our exports in her markets—an easy matter, as exports from this country to Canada are a drop in the bucket compared with what she buys from the U.S.A. In the same way we could offer increased quotas to both Australia and India in return for further advantages to our trade. Suppose, therefore, that between the home-grown wheat and Empire wheat we undertake to use 25 million quarters out of the 30 million we require, this would still enable us to bargain with foreign countries for the supply of the remaining 5 million quarters.

BARGAIN WITH THE ARGENTINE.

One of the countries with whom we should endeavour to make an equitable bargain is the Argentine. At present we buy from the Argentine over £70 million worth of produce a year, while our total exports to the Argentine amount to only £31 millions per annum. This is a senseless arrangement from a business point of view, and under the Quota system we could demand from the Argentine preferential treatment for our exports in return for taking their wheat. We already know that the Argentine would be only too willing to enter into an arrangement with us. The slogan advertised in the Argentine to-day is: "Buy from those who buy from us." Argentine law, however, prevents them giving us preferential treatment for our goods unless it is in return for some definite consideration. This difficulty would disappear.

The advantages, therefore, of the Quota system would be that it would keep and increase the agricultural population on the land,

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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

LIBERAL TACTICS.

L. G.'s BLUNDER.

By "A STUDENT OF POLITICS."

WESTMINSTER, Friday.

When will politicians understand that the infallible rule of political prudence is to act on their convictions and never mind the consequences? If the Liberals on Tuesday night had done that, the Government must have resigned, and whether the Prime Minister had advised the King to dissolve Parliament or to send for Mr. Baldwin to form an alternative Government the Liberal Party would have been better off. In the first alternative, they would have had a character for honesty which would have rallied their full strength in the country; in the second alternative, they might have had a chance of making terms with the new Government. As it is, by abstaining they have injured their reputation (or, what amounts to the same thing, the chance of being understood in the country), and they have increased their dependence on the Ministerialists, whom they dislike, and who are clearly leading a lost cause in the country. This shocking blunder in Liberal tactics is the chief political event of the week in Parliament.

The speaking in the debate on the Conservative amendment to the Address varied in quality, but was never first-rate. Mr. Neville Chamberlain was tactful, and did his best to keep Protection, which is foremost in his mind, in the background in his speech, and he succeeded so well that he might just as well have left Protection out of his speech altogether, and so given the Liberals no excuse for not voting for the amendment. Mr. Lloyd George was ingenious, but tortuous. The truth is that political tactics have a fascination for him, but that, nevertheless, he is not very good at them; all the best things that he has done have been in obedience to his instinctive impulses, which are nearly infallible. Unless he was prepared to accept the olive-branch that Mr. Chamberlain was clearly holding out to him, it would have been far better for him to have admitted frankly that Liberals had as much right as anyone else to consult their party interest, and to have cut out all the rest of his speech. As it was, he advanced on a front so wide that he could not be outflanked, but so thinly held as to be incapable of resisting a blunt, straightforward attack.

TWO SPEECHES.

It is impossible to hear every speech in a two-days' debate and remain quite sane, but it may be true, as some say, that the best speeches were those of Mr. Wise and Mr. Bevan in the middle section; certainly they read well. But about the two worst speeches there can hardly be a doubt. They were those of Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Baldwin's speech was witty and lively, but it was a "Mods." essay rather than a relevant contribution to the subject of the motion.

As for Mr. MacDonald, it was quite obvious that he had nothing to say, and that if he had he had no intention of saying it. So far from being angry at Conservative interruptions, he ought to have been grateful for them, because they gave him an excuse for saying nothing. It is a minor point, and one which has been much discussed since among journalists, but in this writer's opinion Mr. MacDonald's indignant exclamation when he had sat down ought not to have been reported. A sensitive man might after such a speech have said audibly to his neighbour after finishing. "There, I've made a mess of it," but it would surely have been unfair to report that. The inference can hardly be resisted that Mr. MacDonald's nerves are somewhat ragged these days: perhaps it is no wonder.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

On Wednesday we had a debate on the state of the iron and steel trade, in which the honours went to the Free Trader Sir Robert Aske, who spoke mainly and very ably for the shipbuilding trade. On Thursday Sir Charles Trevelyan brought forward the new version of the Education Bill. It was logically clean and straightforward, but for that very reason the speaker had to take refuge in general propositions which rang insincere, and grated on sensitive ears. Because wealthy people keep their sons and daughters at school longer than is compulsory under the present system and longer than may for their own good, is that any justification for universal and compulsory extension of the school age?

A great part of the speech, however, rested on this assumption, that whatever a man might do with his own money the State was justified in doing with the money of other people. The universality of the extension, its compulsory character, were not argued; the speech really amounted to an argument that the doubtfully advantageous luxury of the few in education was the right of everyone as the consolation for his poverty.

That line of argument would justify us in keeping everyone at school and college until he was 21. The maintenance allowances are to be debated in the coming week on the financial resolution, and little was said about these on Thursday, when they will put the Liberals in the same quandary that they were in last Tuesday. Mr. John Buchan expressed what is a very widely held view when he argued that though he welcomed the extension of the school age, we were not justified in increasing the cost under present conditions, but the decisive argument turned after all on the educational margins of advantage or disadvantage for the new scheme.

Lord Eustace Percy had a difficult task in throwing doubt on the educational advantages of the extension, and his argument, able and sincere as it was, did not come through very clearly, but it must be pressed. As a contribution to the problem of unemployment the Bill is a fraud, as he proved. The Minister of Education declared that the Government is determined to put this Bill through before Christmas, and the Conservative case against it, strong though it is, will need to be very carefully prepared if it is not to be misunderstood. To judge by the demeanour of the Ministerial benches, Labour is much keener about this measure than about any Trades Disputes Bill.

TOO MANY RABBITS.

The first private members' Friday of the Session was occupied by comparative frivolity, like the Rabbits Bill, and a measure for giving a definite professional status to architects, and the day was as good as wasted. It is questionable, in any case, whether members do not waste their own time as well as that of the House in these projects of legislation. If they are important the Government pleads that they must be taken out of private hands; and if they are unimportant they are either massacred at the end of the Session or merely swell the bulk of legislation. A much better use of Fridays would be to raise a debate on some live topic of the day.

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it would increase the demand for goods in the home market, and it would increase our exports to the Dominions and India.

It has been said that this system would necessitate the employment of thousands of officials. This is sheer and unmitigated nonsense. Already we have the Millers' Mutual Association welcoming the scheme as one that would cause the smallest amount of economic disturbance, and it could easily be worked with no appreciable addition to the crushing expenses under which the country already labours. To those critics who maintain that it is unworkable I would reply that it is already in operation in both France and Germany, where it is operating very successfully.

IRISH FREE STATE

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEALS.

A SCRAP OF PAPER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

There seems to be a note of unreality about the efforts to abolish the Privy Council appeal by negotiation and agreement at the Imperial Conference. This has already been done by the questionable practice of retrospective legislation, together with the positive assertion by members of the Government that the Court will not be recognised and that litigants resort there at their own risk. The principle involved is of such grave concern to the minority element that the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin have addressed a letter of protest to President Cosgrave. From this letter it appears that a deputation from the General Synod of the Church of Ireland met the President last December. This was five years too late. Protest should have been made when the first decision of the Privy Council was set aside by local legislation.

It must not be thought that the proposed Empire Tribunal will be in any way a substitute for the Privy Council Court of Appeal. Every forecast indicates that it will not be accessible to private litigants, and will deal only with such justiciable disputes as members of the British Commonwealth may agree to refer to it. Citizens may just as well resign themselves to the inevitable. Article 66 of the Constitution in so far as it gives them the right of appeal is now but a scrap of paper, and all these discussions as to its Treaty clauses and limitations of sovereign independence are mere pretence.

FIANNA FAIL CONVENTION.

The Fianna Fail Ard Feis, or convention, which met last week, revealed a curious conflict between the claims of local patriotism and national romance. Objection was raised to the planting of Irish speakers on the grass lands of Meath and the eastern counties. The purpose of these settlements is two-fold—to remove congestion in the West and to implant Gaelic culture within the pale.

It marks a great advance that these migrations should be possible at all. In the old days the powers of terror would have been too strong; now local patriotism seems to be content with lawful protest. One speaker from Meath claimed, not unnaturally, that the local congests and labourers should have first claim. Five acres for a cow was his demand. If, however, tillage and production, which Fianna Fail are always urging, is the object, migration is the proper policy. These newcomers bring with them a hardihood and a tradition for work which is lacking locally among those who have found living fatally easy on rich pastures.

The real objection, however, seems to be directed not against the migrants personally, nor the policy which they serve, but against their lack of national outlook. It had been hoped that the power of native speech would have provided this outlook, but one speaker denied that this was the case. Where true patriotism is to be found was not revealed—possibly only in the ranks of Fianna Fail.

DE VALERA'S NEW PAPER.

Mr. de Valera announced that arrangements were now complete, and that the party newspaper will make its appearance before next June. He refuted certain reports of building difficulties, and said there was an excellent "gravel" foundation and no fear of flooding. He further added the usual picturesque touch that the premises were on the site where the Danes first landed, and from this same spot they now hoped finally to banish all foreign influence.

In the matter of economics his address contained nothing new. Presumably he endorsed the resolution for an embargo on all agricultural imports which had been previously carried, and he said that if our natural increase of population for the last eighty years—since the famine, in fact—had been kept at home, geographical Ireland would have to-day seventeen to twenty instead of four millions of people, a position which he did not seem to view with any alarm. In fact, he suggested the solution in the remark that without protection a nation cannot survive. It is only fair to suggest that the reports on which these comments are based may be incomplete and not always sympathetic, and so to this extent a Party organ, where the full case can be stated, will be of public benefit.

NATIONAL SELF-CONFIDENCE.

On a more practical level, it is pleasant to record a distinct step in the direction of national self-confidence. Last week the Agricultural Credit Corporation made an issue of £250,000 5 per cent. State guaranteed bonds, no portion of which was underwritten, and they were subscribed in a few hours. It has taken a long time for this habit of home investment to take root. Ireland has always been an unloading ground for worthless industrial shares, and vast sums have been lost which might have been profitably employed at home. This change of habit is better evidence of progress than volumes of statistics. It is a spontaneous and conscious tribute to good government and conservative finance. It is a concrete example of how to do it, and it is done largely by living within one's means, avoiding doles, and leaving people to work out their own salvation. It ought to be an object lesson to certain impatient parties in opposition, whose objects are the same but who seek to effect them by legislation and fiscal artifice. The country will be asked before long to say which method it prefers.

FOR A GOLDEN WEDDING.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—I suggest for the correspondent who is asking for verse suitable for the occasion of a golden wedding the lovely lines of Alfred Noyes, called "The Double Fortress." I remember cutting this poem from the SUNDAY TIMES some years ago. Here it is:—

Time, would'st thou hurt us? Never shall we grow old.
Break as thou wilt these bodies of blind clay.
Thou canst not touch us here in our stronghold,
Where two, made one, laugh all thy powers away.

Though ramparts crumble and rusty gates grow thin,
And our brave fortress dwine to a hollow shell.
Thou shalt hear heavenly laughter far within;
Where, young as Love, two hidden lovers dwell.

We shall go clambering up our twisted stairs
To watch the moon through rifts in our grey towers.
Thou shalt hear whispers, kisses, and sweet prayers
Creeping through all our creviced walls like flowers.

Would'st wreck us, Time? When thy dull leaguer brings
The last wall down, look heavenward.
We have wings.

If your correspondent cannot choose some lines from this truly exquisite poem he is hard to please. VERA WHEATLEY.

Hampton Hill, Middlx.

Sir,—How will these lines do? They are from Tennyson's "Princess," and seem to me peculiarly suitable:—

Not like to like, but like in difference.
Yet in the long years liker must they grow;
The man be more of woman, she of man;
He gain in sweetness and in moral height,
Nor lose the wrestling thews that throw the world.
She mental breadth, nor fail in childward care,
Nor lose the childlike in the larger mind;
Till at the last, she set herself to man,
Like perfect music unto noble words.

Histon, Cambs. E. M. MALLETT.

[Replies have also been received from M. Heritage (Hythe), Margaret Hollis-Walker (Beaconsfield), Gertrude Burford (Bexhill), Nora L. Rose (Stamford Hill, N.), G. E. B. (Birstall), David Clements (Chasefield Road, S.W.), Violet Francis (Cromwell Road, S.W.), F. C. Taylor (Blagdon), C. Hill (Newcastle), Rev. C. J. Street (Scarborough), C. H. Francis (Newbridge, Mon.), and Phil. T. Campbell (Ipswich).]

OUR PARIS LETTER

THE BANQUE ADAM.

PUBLIC ANXIETY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

A week ago it seemed as though public interest at the beginning of the month would centre upon the debate on foreign affairs with which the session of Parliament was to open. The debate began as foreseen, but the real interest of deputies and the public has been elsewhere. It is the Bourse that has focussed attention. Private French finance, which hitherto has remained comparatively unaffected by events elsewhere—except in so far as there has been an inevitable slackening of business—has recently had a rude shake-up, and the name that has been on everybody's lips during the past week is that of M. Oustric. For it is to the difficulties of M. Oustric that the failure of the old-established bank well known to visitors to Boulogne and Le Touquet, the Banque Adam, is due, and this in turn has led to, at any rate, the temporary suspension of business by two other provincial banks. The impossibility of meeting his liabilities in which M. Oustric found himself when settling day came round on Wednesday has also led to the failure of some half-dozen firms of outside brokers.

M. Oustric, as his name indicates, comes from the South. After the war he founded a bank in Paris on a very modest scale. But he soon became well known as a clever financier of great daring, and the capital of his bank—it was not a depositors' bank, but a so-called "banque d'affaires"—was steadily increased, until this year it reached £800,000. But, alas! alike for him, the companies he had himself created, some of the concerns in which he was a large participator, and several brokers who dealt in these shares, his financial audacity overreached itself. Hence the crash.

Exactly what is the amount of money involved is not accurately known, but, as financial crashes go, it is believed to be on a moderate scale. At the moment, however, when the public is tending to be financially nervous, failures like those of the Banque Adam, a bank which for 150 years has enjoyed the highest reputation, inevitably increases this nervousness. Brokers who are anxious that the outside market should as rapidly as possible be put upon a sound footing hold that in the long run only good can come out of the disappearance of a certain number of the more speculative smaller firms. There is no need to magnify the extent of the damage, but for the moment the difficulties of M. Oustric and the failures which they have brought in their train have undoubtedly perturbed the public.

IN THE CHAMBER.

The Chamber has reassembled in a curious frame of mind. Full of surprises as ever, it had a very disagreeable one in store for M. Franklin Bouillon and M. Briand's other critics on Tuesday when it met. Quite unexpectedly, and at the instigation of a handful of the Left, it decided that the interpellations on foreign policy should be discussed straight away and not, as everybody expected, be postponed until Thursday. Thereby was created a situation which M. Briand's supporters enjoyed hugely. For, called upon to speak, all M. Franklin Bouillon could do was to say that, please, he hadn't got his speech with him. "Dégonflé, dégonflé" the Left roared joyously, as the principal assailant of M. Briand, of whose pending interpellations so much had been heard, had to sit down discomfited.

For no apparent reason the atmosphere of the Chamber, which was expected to be colourless on the opening day, was, in fact, electrical, and the session was not more than an hour old when it had to be suspended. But it is the lobbies that have seen the real excitement, for here, on Thursday, in the so-called Salon de la Paix—a misnomer for the occasion—there was a regular rough and tumble between a journalist of the Right, M. Camille Aymard, director of "La Liberté," and some friends on the one hand, and Socialist deputies on the other. The reason was a violent article by M. Aymard against the Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum ("Blum! That is like the dull sound made by twelve bullets striking a traitor's breast," wrote M. Aymard), on account of the latter's campaign in favour of general disarmament. A window was broken, there was pulling and pushing and fisticuffs, and finally, in order to get M. Aymard out of the Palais Bourbon without further damage, the Republican Guards on duty had to be called in to separate the combatants. Deputies have in the past almost, if not quite, come to blows in the Chamber itself, but an episode of this kind in the lobbies is practically unknown—at any rate in recent years.

One thing remains to be added about the Chamber's re-assembly. M. Briand is back in his place, though looking by no means in the best of health. There was much curiosity as to how the Chamber would receive him when he made his entry into it on Tuesday. Would there be an ovation from the Left calling forth, perhaps, a counter demonstration from the Right? As a matter of fact nothing at all happened because, perhaps, purposely M. Tardieu and M. Briand entered the Chamber practically side by side.

RESTORATION OF VERSAILLES.

France has, indeed, reason to be grateful to wealthy American lovers of art. The palace of Versailles is being saved from ruin by Rockefeller money; a generous American recently gave a large sum for restoring the Jeu de Paume in the Tuileries Gardens, and now Mr. Edward Tuck has given to the capital a collection of treasures which, if it is possible to put a price upon such things, is valued at well over £1,000,000. Mr. Tuck, who was formerly a banker in the U.S.A., has, for the last forty years, been making this collection of pictures, porcelain, tapestries, and furniture—all absolutely first-class specimens—which he has housed in his home in the Champs Elysées. Some years ago he announced his intention of giving his priceless treasures to the City of Paris, which consequently made arrangements for them to be placed in the Petit Palais. A whole series of panelled rooms has been arranged to receive them, and a few days ago this latest addition to the art collections of Paris was opened to the public. There are a fine series of primitives, including a portrait by Lucas Cranach, magnificent Beauvais tapestries, fine French furniture of the eighteenth century, and priceless Oriental china, to mention merely the main features of the gift.

IN MEMORY OF "THE TIGER."

The Avenue du Bois has officially changed its name into the Avenue Foch, and now it is suggested that the lower part of the Champs Elysées, between the Place de la Concorde and the Rondpoint, should be called the Avenue Clemenceau. This proposal, which has been put before the Municipal Council by a friend and collaborator of Clemenceau when, as Minister of War, the latter was steering France to victory, is part of a wider suggestion for honouring the "Tiger's" memory. A monument to him, it is proposed, should be erected in the Tuileries Gardens, and every year a delegation of the Paris Municipal Council should pay their respects at Clemenceau's grave. The disappearance of Clemenceau from out of the public eye since the moment when, on his retirement from the Premiership, Senate and Chamber refused to elect him to the Presidency of the Republic, has been one of the most remarkable commentaries upon the lasting value of popularity. There has been talk of his Paris flat being in due course turned into a museum, where the faithful and the curious could visit the actual surroundings in which he lived and worked. But so far this has not materialised, and although immediately after his death it was announced that a street would be named after him, nothing has been done.

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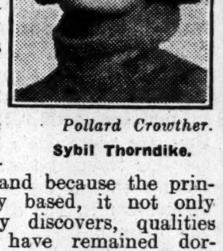

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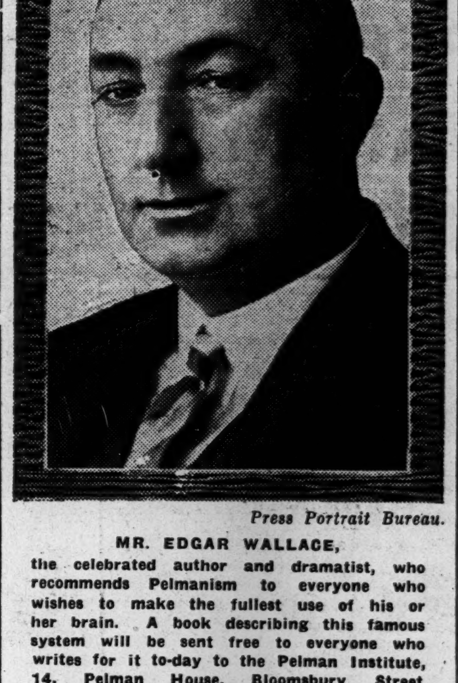

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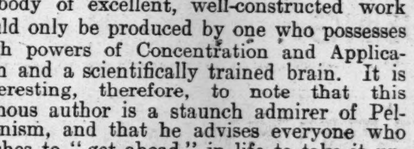

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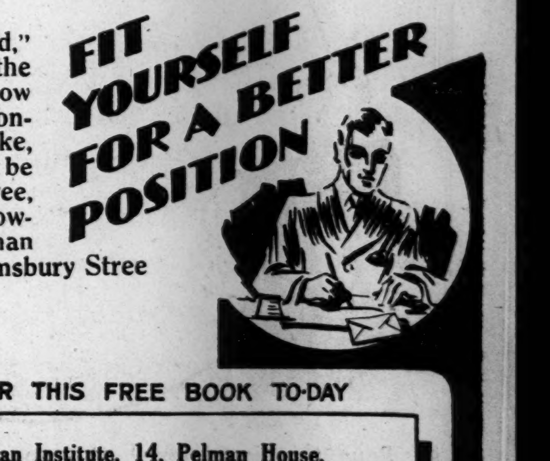
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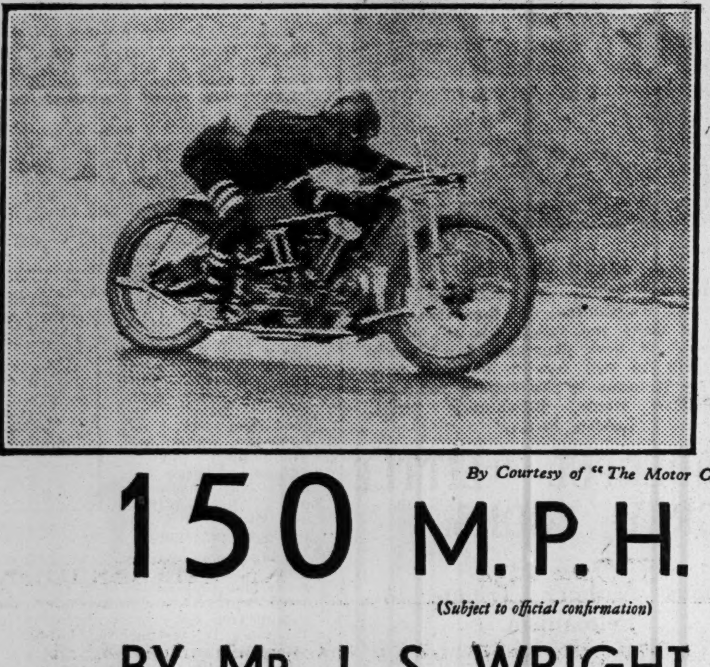

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OLD FRENCH TRAVEL

By E. V. LUCAS.

It is difficult to keep pace with those zealous, loyal, and imaginative Frenchmen who devote their energy to the celebration of their illustrious compatriots. Considering how little—superficially—the individuals of France seem to be concerned with others, how concentrated they are on their own purposes, it is remarkable that so much time and thought should be given to the glorification of their dead. But no people, I suppose, are so jealous of the fame of their great men. This statement may be proved not only by noting the names of French streets and the profusion of statues, but by reading the newspaper reports of this and that new unveiling or conference of the admirers of famous dramatists, poets, and painters, or the opening of museums in their praise. Beneath the surface of the Paris life which the ordinary English visitor sees, how much of what might be called spiritual patriotism is in progress! Whatever ethical seriousness the Frenchman is supposed to lack—and when he is alone he probably lacks none—he more than makes up for in devotion to his country's finest flowers. At this very moment, for instance, the finishing touches are being put to a museum of relics of Clemenceau in his house at 8, Rue Franklin, to be opened on the first anniversary of his death on the 24th of this month.

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The museum which, however, I have in mind—not more than a year or so old, I believe—is dedicated not to any one creative career, but to the history of road travel; yet the assembling called for no less enthusiasm and labour. The next time you visit Compiègne you will find in the palace, in one of the wings, this Musée de la Voiture et du Tourisme, and I think you will agree that it is worth examination. But you must not expect too much. The whole history of road travel would need more room; the Grand Palais itself, where the annual motor show is held, could not do justice to it, even if French exhibits alone were accepted. As a matter of fact, to leave a Paris showroom containing the latest marvels of automobilism—both of the chassis and the body—and spend an hour on a trip to Compiègne and back (it is only seventy-five kilomètres away) would be a lesson in evolution, for the very earliest cars are on view there—high, draughty, rickety affairs, more obsolete than the ichthyosaurus.

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Those earliest cars! I remember so well the day when, after a traction engine's flagstaff had been broken in two in Northumberland Avenue by a pioneer of motoring, a procession of automobiles solemnly and hopefully started on their way to Brighton, where there was to be a lunch in honour of the new vehicle and the new liberty. I don't know how many set forth, but only a few got there, one of which, seen in the distance by a Sussex friend of mine as it passed on the skyline somewhere near Clayton, led to a happy conceit. It was his first sight of one, and "I felt," he said, "as though I had suddenly been deprived by witchcraft of the power of seeing horses." Well, the kind of car that bewildered him all those years ago—was it 1895?—you will find at Compiègne; but no others, for the Musée de la Voiture et du Tourisme stops at the first. It has the first bicycles, too, preceded by boneshakers and velocipedes; but no others.

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To me most interesting were the posting carriages, for the more I move about the world in cars and trains the more I am astonished at the curiosity, courage, and endurance of our travelling ancestors. The surface of roads, off the main routes—and in France even on the main routes, with their perplexing alternation of good tarmac, bad tarmac, pot-holed tarmac, gravel, and pavé—is still often bad; but think what it must have been everywhere a hundred years ago. You can get an idea of it to-day from the approach to the Palace of Versailles, which no one has ever troubled to make smooth. Remembering the jolts that are there one's lot, it is almost an incredible thought that in 1830 the Comte de Damas should have ridden from Paris to Jerusalem in the carriage which is one of the principal Compiègne treasures. He must have had a very strong reason for going there—stronger than any Zionist could muster.

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Among the other carriages is a coupé de voyage, which leads to reflections that go beyond mere discomfort. This is the very vehicle in which Napoleon, after escaping from Elba, posted from Grenoble to Auxerre. It is all in black; the seat is very low, and the floor space is reduced by the necessity of accommodating the folding steps on each side. What were the thoughts of the Emperor as the weary miles dragged on? Dreams of new conquest and power. Fears and hopes, hopes and fears. A tragic carriage, indeed.

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In addition to these elaborate conveyances, you will find simpler things, such as the forerunner of the hansom, dated 1760, which, on account of its limited accommodation, was called the "Disobliging," and a diligence of the last century, which ran between Cap Corps and Cheval à Gap, wherever they may be, with a sheep bell to forewarn its approach and a wooden chest with powerful locks for valuables. There are also such accessories as old harness, old liveries. A suit of one of Napoleon's own postillions may be seen, with the whitest of white breeches and Imperial badges. Where there are no originals there are models by the historical painter, Maurice Leloir, and old prints by the hundred; so you see that an ideal of thoroughness has been followed, even if exhaustiveness is impossible.

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But what I thought a sign of true inspiration is the room upstairs fitted like a posting inn of the eighteenth century, with figures of host and hostess as large as life, and a couple of guests, not impossibly elopers. This has been arranged with much thoughtfulness, and the result is surely very like the real thing. The models are good, whether of human beings or hams and sausages, while the genuine details scattered about, such as saddle-bags and bottles, chairs, crockery, and fire-irons, add to verisimilitude. All that is lacking is the cheerful noise of the place: the landlord's deep tones as he commends his cellar; the landlady's assurances of only a "little minute" longer before the piece of resistance is ready; the crackling of the logs; the hissing of the pots; and the lovers' murmurs of satisfaction in being at last at their ease. Even more perhaps does one miss the kitchen's scents and savours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"Holding Down" at Eton.

Sir,—During the early seventies I had the honour of being "swished" by Dr. Hornby on four different occasions, and on each of these I was "held down" by two junior collegers. The servant of the head produced the birch and handed it to him, but he certainly had nothing whatever to do with the "holding down."

Naval and Military Club, W. R.

Palmerston and Bright.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. Hart Maze (last week's SUNDAY TIMES): In March, 1854, there was a dinner at the Reform Club in honour of an admiral departing for the Baltic on the eve of the Crimean War. Lord Palmerston was in the chair, and proposed the toast of the Allied monarchs. John Bright, in the House of Commons, took Palmerston to task for the levity of his speech, and the latter, in his reply, addressed his critic as "the honourable and reverend gentleman."

Shaftesbury. D. C. COLTSMAN.

Richter and Wagner.

Sir,—I dare say a good many of your readers will recall passages—especially in Wagner—that they have never heard equalled since the death of Hans Richter. I wonder whether Mr. Newman and his correspondent remember the swing and precision he put into the Introduction to the third act of "Siegfried," more particularly the part where the strings move up to the Erda theme and down to the theme of Götterdämmerung. Every subsequent performance by other conductors has seemed muddy in comparison.

Mill Hill, N.W. ROBERT LORENZ.

Old House, Sandwich.

Sir,—As I had not been into the above for many years, I went there during the past week in order to see whether the ceiling and chimneypiece were still there, or had been sold.

I regret to say that they had been bought by that staunch friend of Old England, Mr. Hearst, and removed to St. Donat's Castle, South Wales, which, after all, is a degree better than to U.S.A.

The chimneypiece is illustrated (Plate xxx.) in "The English Fireplace, Etc." (L. A. Shuffrey), but I can see no trace of the Tudor arms on the woodcut.

Sandwich. S. ARTHUR PETO.

[Letters also received from C. P. Neilson (Sandwich) and Man of Kent (Sandwich).]

The Two-Minutes Silence.

Sir,—The silence on Armistice Day has not generally been as perfect as one would like it to be, as drivers of motor vehicles have not always stopped their engines.

I have heard from the London General Omnibus Company that they have again instructed their drivers "to pull up on the first stroke of eleven o'clock on Armistice Day—no matter where they may happen to be—and to stop the running of their engines."

Let us hope all drivers will follow this excellent example.

PERCIVAL WOLTON.
Walpole Street, S.W.

Sir William Watson.

Sir,—I am delighted to learn that there is to be a public testimonial to Sir William Watson, and I heartily agree with what Mr. Clarence Winchester wrote on this subject last Sunday. I hope that the scheme may be made sufficiently wide to include the small contributor, whose admiration (like my own) is not to be measured by the relative insignificance of his contribution.

Mr. Winchester does not refer to Sir William Watson's work in the sonnet form, some of which will, I think, be found to constitute his greatest claim on posterity, and which has been for myself a perennial delight since boyhood's days.

Kintbury, Berks. GEORGE GLASGOW

Access to Chancel.

Sir,—"W. D." may be interested to know that some years ago I happened to be the guest of the churchwarden of Arundel on the harvest festival Sunday, and found the chancel arch boarded off and the altar placed in front of this screen of rough planks. My host explained that the Duke of Norfolk was lay rector, and as a Roman Catholic he used the chancel as a mortuary-chapel, as the Dukes are buried in the crypt below. From which fact one would infer that a lay rector has a right to close the chancel, which he, receiving the tithes, has to keep in repair. It follows, if my inference is sound, that churchwardens have no right of entry. It is a singular position, and I suppose still obtains, as the present Duke and his mother are Roman Catholics.

London. CYRIL GAYE.

Banbury Cross.

Sir,—If my memory serves me, the nursery rhyme regarding this historic spot ran:—

> Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross,
> To see a fine lady upon a white horse,
> Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes,
> She shall have music wherever she goes.

If this version is correct—and I think it is—it rather upsets (as regards the origin of the ditty) the theory of your two correspondents; especially the one mentioned by Mr. Rowlatt-Jones referring to "the gaily caparisoned jockey."

No doubt both are correct in saying that a fifth horse was employed at times to help drag stage coaches up the long hill on the Oxford Road out of Banbury town.

Northampton. THOS. COLLINGRIDGE.

Thomas Paine.

Sir,—I read with great interest your correspondents' letters on Thomas Paine. May I add that it is not only in the U.S.A. that he is held in high regard. His popularity in France was such that I believe him to be the only foreigner to have sat in the French Assembly.

The Pas de Calais, having chosen him as its representative, sent him to the Convention, where he remained until Robespierre had him struck off its list and imprisoned.

This was in consequence of Thomas Paine having refused to vote the death of Louis XVI. Paine had voted for the King's exile on the principle that "Charles I.'s descendants reigned, but that the Tarquins never returned."

After Robespierre's fall Thomas Paine resumed his seat at the Assembly, where he remained until his final departure for the U.S.A.

Paris. FERDINANDE DE LAGARENNE.

Fields of Amaranth.

Sir,—The quotation about which Mr. A. Maude inquires is from Walter Savage Landor's first conversation between Æsop and Rhodope in the "Imaginary Conversations." The whole speech, which is among the most beautiful things Landor wrote, runs as follows:—

> ÆSOP: Laodameia died; Helen died; Leda, the beloved of Jupiter, went before. It is better to repose in the earth betimes than to sit up late; better, than to cling pertinaciously to what we feel crumbling under us and to protract an inevitable fall. We may enjoy the present while we are insensible to infirmity and decay: but the present, like a note in music, is nothing but as it appertains to what is past and what is to come. There are no fields of amaranth on this side of the grave; there are no voices, O Rhodope! that are not soon mute, however tuneful: there is no name, with whatever emphasis of passionate love repeated, of which the echo is not faint at last.

Tetherdown, N. GERALD MILLER.

[Replies have also been received from W. H. D. Winder (Streatham), Capt. P. L. C. Webster (Camberley), B. Solomon (Writers' Club, W.C.), Arthur K. Sabin (Bethnal Green, E.), Leonard J. Miller (Stanley Crescent, W.), Violet Roy (Woking), Muriel Hamilton Scott (Portsdown Road, W.), F. R. Slade-Jones (Avondale Square, S.E.), B. W. (Hatfield), A. B. Abbott (Acocks Green), Madeline Jones (Chester), J. A. F. Godfrey (Dublin), Peter Stucley (Magdalene College, Cambridge), S. H. Bennett (Bessboro' Place, S.W.), R. G. M. (Bristol), Edith Cleverly (London, S.W.), and R. C. Chaucer (Kingston).]

Roman Remains in Great Britain.

Sir,—Edward Freeman, sixty years ago, *invented* the notion that the Saxons exterminated the Romano-Britons. Stubbs adopted Freeman's theories, and also John Richard Green in 1874, the latter attributing to the cruel, piratical, brutal, uncivilised Saxons all the virtues; to Green our fatherland was Germany or Denmark. To-day the idea seems ludicrous. But Freeman, Stubbs, and Green did not realise that Britons had lived in Britain for 100,000 years, nor did they realise that the Romano-Briton of, say, A.D. 400, was a highly civilised and artistic man.

To-day, Freeman's theory, rejected by all earlier English historians, seems to be losing ground slowly, but still vitiates the study of English history, archæology and place-names, and will continue to do so until the professors who are experts in Anglo-Saxon are also experts in the Celtic languages, Welsh, Gaelic, and Erse.

Sevenoaks. E. G. BOX.

Sir,—There is little doubt that the vestiges of Roman occupation in Britain were destroyed in the prolonged and bitter struggle which the Roman British made in order to keep their country. Nowhere else in the Roman Empire was the defence against the Barbarians so heroic and so obstinate. It has always been the custom in this country to accept the Saxon accounts of the struggle as fact, but the truth is that the Saxon chroniclers, like those of other savage peoples, minimised their opponents. The impression given by the older school histories, and even by such popular storytellers as the late Conan Doyle, is that the post-Roman British were weak, cowardly, and incompetent. The facts suggest the reverse.

The main centre of Roman British civilisation was in the West of England. It is a small area, and in those days was but thinly populated, yet it took the Saxon invaders 150 years to subdue it. Rome was taken by the Goths in 410; but Bath, the Roman British capital, still held out, and did not fall until 582. In the North the struggle was even longer. Bede (bk. 2, cap. xx.) mentions York as still British in 633, and states that Cadwalla, the British King, was resolved to cut off all the race of the English within the borders of Britain.

The last of the British Kings to claim the empire of the entire island was Cadwalladr, who died in 703, but in the mountains of Wales the idea lived after that rate.

W. BARNARD FARADAY.
Silverton, nr. Exeter.

[Letters also received from Margaret Prichard (Steyning) and Douglas Buchanan (Adelphi, W.C.).]

"One Soul One Vote."

From LORD FARRER.

Sir,—Your correspondent at Shipley raises a very interesting question in his last line, and as a Peer has no vote (although he is taxed contrary to Magna Charta) he may be pardoned for asking who are "the authorities" who will prevent a "boy" of 11 voting, although "the authorities" permit an old gentleman of 94 to vote.

Wordsworth was a North-countryman, and his most splendid poem declared that the youth though daily further from the East was still Nature's priest. One even greater than Wordsworth wrote:—

> Youth, I do adore thee;
> Age, I do abhor thee.

And as youth generally has a better appetite than age, he or she ought surely to be allowed to express his or her opinion that food should not be made more difficult to obtain!

Abinger. FARRER.

Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth.

Sir,—I am afraid Dean Inge is entirely wrong in the inferences he has drawn from his careful study of the portraits of Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth. The accepted portraits of these monarchs are fairly well known, and in them the Queen is remarkably like her accepted father. She has the same bend of the eyebrows, the same haughty, supercilious and indifferent expression, and the same "auburn" hair. Furthermore, she had an almost masculine temperament, generally indicating the "taking after" a male parent.

Harrow. C. T. TAYLOR.

Sir,—As the writer of the article on "The Heredity of the Tudors" in the "Eugenics Review," which was followed by Dean Inge's letter, to which you referred last week, I should like to comment on the point raised by the Dean.

In my article I carefully considered Queen Elizabeth's recognised descent, which appears amply to account for her characteristics, the influence of the Tudor strain being certainly greater than that of the Boleyn.

Elizabeth's character was, indeed, to a great extent a compound of those of Henry VII. and Henry VIII. In any case, however, having regard to her great ability, it is practically certain that her father must have been a man of parts. Sir Thomas Wyatt was the most distinguished of Anne Boleyn's lovers, but if a comparison is made between the characteristics of his family and those of the Tudors, I think that the paternity of Henry VIII. remains the more probable hypothesis.

Hornton Court, W. W. T. J. GUN.

From LADY EVELYN GIFFARD.

Sir,—So far as likeness constitutes evidence, I should say the evidence pointed to Queen Elizabeth being a Tudor. The portraits of Mary and Elizabeth as young women are like each other, and the Holbein miniature of the Duke of Richmond is also decidedly like some of the portraits of Queen Elizabeth.

EVELYN GIFFARD.
Westerham, Kent.

[Replies have also been received from Constance Day (Bentley), A Portrait Painter (Oakwood Court, W.), and Lieut.-Colonel W. St. P. Bunbury (S. Farnborough).]

Longevity.

Sir,—In the instance given by your Liverpool correspondent the grandson died 169 years (not 175) after the birth of his grandfather.

I have three cousins living (the youngest only a little over 50) whose grandfather was born in 1728—i.e., 202 years ago, and only one year after the death of George I.

A daughter (my great-aunt) of that grandfather died in 1900, just 172 years after the birth of her father.

Muswell Hill, N. A. L.-B.

Sir,—The following is not an instance of longevity, but may be of interest as showing how generations overlap.

I am aged 75, and recently spent a pleasant afternoon with my great-aunt, the sister-in-law of my grandmother, who died in 1817, and the daughter-in-law of my great-grandfather, who was born in 1764.

The lady in question, who is not much older than I am, is therefore the great-great-great-aunt of my grandchildren, who are nearly grown up, and the great-great-great-great-aunt of a boy of 6, who belongs to another branch of the family.

Dunstable. G. J. B.

Sir,—My wife's father and grandmother, aged respectively 82 and 105, are both living; so are my wife, her daughter, and granddaughter. The old lady, though bedridden, is still greatly interested in the fashions of this and other days.

Gray's Inn, W.C. E. C. CHAPPELL.

Sir,—My mother is now in her 91st year, having been born in 1840, when her grandmother (who lived until 1848, and died at the age of 96) was 88. So far these two lives span an uninterrupted period of 178 years—from 1752 to 1930, years which have seen seven different Sovereigns on the English Throne, and embrace the two longest reigns in English history—George III., 1760-1820 (fifty-nine years) and Victoria, 1837-1901 (sixty-three years).

Barton-on-Sea, Hants. A. E. P.

H.M.S. Implacable.

From SIR OWEN SEAMAN.

Sir,—I have received from Mr. G. Wheatly Cobb, to whose patriotism we owe the origin of the scheme for restoring the Implacable and equipping her as a holiday training-ship for boys, the following statement in answer to Mr. R. C. Anderson's letter in your last issue:—

> I agree with Mr. R. C. Anderson that it is not wise to claim 1789 as the date of the launch of this ship, but it would be interesting if he would give the authority for his assertion that "it is certain that the ship did not proceed from Toulon to Rochefort by sea." I agree that it is very unlikely, but, as Mr. Anderson knows, there are many statements by British writers of repute that she was so taken, and the Admiralty for fifty years allowed the boys of the Implacable to be taught that their ship was the Duguay-Trouin of Toulon.
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> In my first appeal for the Implacable in 1922 I ventured to say that she was "believed to have been built in 1789," but I was later supplied by Mr. Maurice Prendergast with positive statements from French sources that the ship at Toulon was completely destroyed, and that the present ship was a new one. After this I feel I have no right to claim the earlier date, but there are several circumstances which leave me still not quite satisfied.
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> 1. It is, of course, common knowledge that many of the ships reported as destroyed were practically untouched by the fire, the most important being the Tonnant, captured at the Nile, and one of Nelson's fleet at Trafalgar.
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> 2. It is unlikely that the name of a hero of the Monarchy should have been given to a ship built under the Republic unless there had been some close connection between the two.
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> 3. The dimensions of the ship suggest 1789 rather than 1800 as the date of her launch. A comparison of the measurements of captured seventy-fours, the dates of whose launch are known, will, I think, show this, or at least suggests that the old drawings were used for the new ship.
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> 4. The ship, when captured, was iron fastened, which would not have been the case if she had been launched as late as 1800 unless there had been a temporary shortage of copper.
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> 5. In the Fremantle papers, published in 1921, there is a list compiled by French officers of French ships at Trafalgar, giving their condition. In this the Duguay-Trouin is described as "old and bad." A ship launched in 1800 can hardly have been described as old in 1805. The badness may have been due to the decay of iron bolts.
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> A ship that fought at Trafalgar can easily afford to surrender eleven years of reputed longevity, and we are glad to know that the Constitution survives to bear the laurels of age as well as of valour.

That is Mr. Cobb's statement, and I venture to hope that, if the Implacable's claim to be actually the oldest ship afloat is doubtful, this will not affect the desire of the public to contribute to the restoration and maintenance, for the use of boys on holiday, of a ship that is incontestably the sole survivor of Trafalgar afloat.

OWEN SEAMAN
(Chairman of the Implacable Fund).
Bouverie Street, E.C.

Foolscap.

Sir,—In reply to the query of your correspondent Miss Joan C. Magee, regarding the origin of the term "foolscap" as applied to a particular size of paper, I believe I am correct in saying that the name dates from the establishment of the Commonwealth. The making of paper under Charles I. was a Royal monopoly, which the King sold to the highest bidder, and after his execution the fool's cap and bells were substituted for the Royal arms as a watermark in order to show contempt for the ci-devant authority of the Crown.

Though the new watermark was abolished on the dissolution of the Rump Parliament, the term continued to be applied to paper of the same dimensions.

Ebury Street, S.W. F. S. BURNELL.

[Replies have also been received from E. M. Gullick (Pirbright), A Lover of Quotations (Hyde Park, W.), H. Askew (Spennymoor), C. F. Sykes (Harlesden, N.W.), A. W. B. Messenger (Rochester), Mrs. Bensted (Cheltenham), and H. A. (St. Andrews).]

Fairlop Friday.

Sir,—This refers to the fair which was held on the first Friday in July under and round the famous Fairlop Oak.

This wonderful tree, whose stem was nearly 50 ft. in circumference, grew in Hainault Forest, a short distance from Barking: the origin of the fair is interesting.

Somewhere about 1715 a wealthy tradesman of Wapping, one Daniel Day, who owned property in the neighbourhood of the Fairlop Oak, used to journey there to collect his rents shortly after Midsummer Day. In order to combine pleasure with his business he took with him some of his friends and regaled them with an alfresco repast, which was eaten under the leafy branches of the Fairlop Oak. These outings were so greatly appreciated that Mr. Day decided to make an annual fixture of the outing to be held on the first Friday in July.

Very shortly other people began to follow his example, and in order to provide amusement for the picnickers booths containing side shows, boxing contests, together with fruit and gingerbread stalls, made their appearance, and by 1725 the Fairlop Fair was firmly established.

Mr. Day continued his annual visits till the year of his death, 1767 He died at the ripe age of 84, and was buried at Barkingside

The Fairlop Oak was still standing in 1815, but has since disappeared.

GEO. STEBBING ALLEN
Clifton Hill, N.W.

[Replies have also been received from A. J. Thorogood (Golders Green, N.W.), Res Ker (Walthamstow), David T Wylie (Oxford), Charles Branchflower (South Chingford), Herbert Palmer (Broadstairs), Muriel Hamilton-Scott (Portsdown Road, W.), Frank Cotton (Ridley Road, E.), H. W. Davis (West Byfleet), W. E. Bensted (Cheltenham), and A Lover of Quotations (Hyde Park, W.).]

Disraeli and Lord Salisbury.

Sir,—Mr. Walter Elliot, in his very interesting analysis in your last issue of the present political situation, seems to slip up a little in his incidental "aside" of the "immemorial Cecil who had to handle Disraeli." My reading of that period does not confirm that impression of astute management on the part of a Cecil—in fact, it seems to me the boot was on the other foot. The "master of gibes and flouts and jeers" came to heel quite readily and faithfully in the end; and it is one of the most remarkable tributes to Disraeli's greatness that he so effectually subdued and attached the independent and forceful personality of his quondam rebellious follower. And the manner of the accomplishment added greatly to its magnitude, and was equally creditable to both parties: it was not merely the adroit or even subtle act which is common and recognised as legitimate in politics, but plain, courageous, straightforward dealing, based purely on the view of national advantage, without consideration of personal prejudices or interests.

C. O. HEAD, Lieut.-Colonel.
Shrewsbury.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

Will one of your readers kindly tell me who Cynara is? I ask in reference to Ernest Dowson's poem: "Non sum qualis eram bonæ sub regno Cynaræ." I am aware that she is a symbol of unattained joy and peace, but cannot find the name in my Latin or Greek dictionaries or in any lexicon.—T. H. Nash (Vienna).

Who was Mrs. Brady, of whom Sir Joshua Reynolds painted a portrait?—E. Burton (Ipswich).

Where was Rosamond's Pond situated? I believe it was somewhere in the West of London.—Agnes Fair (Colindale Avenue, N.W.).

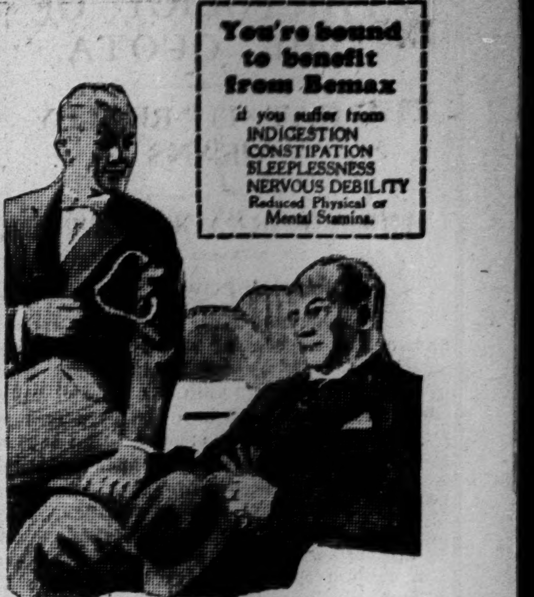
Who wrote:—

> If I should be in England's thought after I die,
> Say, "There were things he might have bought
> he did not buy.
> Unhonoured of his fellows he grew old
> And trod the path to hell,
> But there were things he might have sold
> he did not sell."?

—M. W. Turner (Woburn Square, W.C.).

Will some reader kindly tell me the origin of the woolsack and the dagger in the City coat-of-arms; and where Lewis Carroll (who wrote "Alice in Wonderland") is buried?—Leslie Stone (Chagford, S. Devon.)

[Will Albert L. Wilkerson send his full address, as we have a letter for him?]



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HISTORY OF A PRESS.

By JAMES MILNE.

Oxford has come to London Town, not spangled in "blues" for the Boat Race, but to "Say it in books!" You will find Oxford in Oxford Street, at the Old Court House of St. Marylebone, next door to the ancient Watch House of St. Mary le Bone, as the spelling once was. If you look for the bookshop of Bumpus you will find all the other addresses and a remarkable exhibition of the books issued from that fount of knowledge and typography, the Oxford University Press. You see before you not only books, but a history of English printing and English literature from 1468 to the present year of gracious fruitfulness; and, more, you come across tokens of many historic figures and many colourful events.

Dr. Fell, for instance, of the jingle about not liking him, though "the reason why I cannot tell," and perhaps he couldn't. Was he not Bishop of Oxford, and was he not the benefactor of the beautiful Fell type, largely obtained from Holland, which the University Press revived in the nineties of last century? He saw the oldest English paper begin, in 1665, at Oxford, where the Court then was, "The Oxford Gazette," now the "London Gazette," and ten years later the first Oxford Bible and Prayer Book took being. Leap two centuries, taking in the jump names like Francis Junius, Sir William Blackstone, Lord Godolphin, or Earl Stanhope, and you have that parent of the pocket volume, India paper, introduced in 1875. The seventeenth of May, 1881, brought the Oxford Revised New Testament; the nineteenth of May, 1885, the Revised Version of the Old Testament, and the Revised Apocrypha completed the Scriptural trilogy in 1895.

THE O.E.D.

Notable and national events these, with messages to all mankind, but perhaps the "Oxford English Dictionary," as an individual work of knowledge and printing, stands by itself. Somebody has supposed Boswell meeting Johnson in the shades and saying to him, "What would you think, sir, if you were informed that your dictionary is being superseded by the work of a Scotsman and a Nonconformist?" "Sir," replies Samuel, "in order to be amusing it is not necessary to be flippant, inaccurate or indecent." The reference, you will perceive, is to the late Sir James Murray, so well known as the editor of the "Oxford English Dictionary" and as an authority on "ink-born terms" and "hard words."

Scholar-like, and Scotsman-like, he sat down in a sort of tin house at Mill Hill, in 1879, to edit the "Dictionary," and in the early spring of 1884 the first part appeared. It was completed by other hands, working in the same spirit, in 1928, a fine bit of work covering forty-four years. Its ten volumes contain 414,825 words, with 1,827,306 illustrative quotations, and a supplement is now being done for such English words as came into use too late to be included in the work. Note that Sir Walter Scott was a great recoverer of lost words; for example, of "henchman," from Captain Butt's letters, or "raid" from old Border ballads; that George Eliot used "adust," in the sense of dusty in "Romola"; and that Herbert Spencer invented "velocimeter."

BROADMOOR SCHOLARSHIP.

But the most wonderful contributor of knowledge to the "Oxford English Dictionary" was, no doubt, an American, by name W. C. Minor, an inhabitant of Broadmoor Asylum. He became possessed of the idea, which turned to terror, that he was being tracked down by people who wanted to harm him. So he bought a revolver, and, thinking he saw a pursuing enemy one day in the Strand, he shot him. He was sent to Broadmoor, where he showed that he was a student of the English language and that he had money to buy books and study. Being allowed to do this, he contributed to the "Oxford English Dictionary" for years, and eventually returned to America and died.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

THE CHURCHILL MANNER — MR. LANSBURY'S SECRETARY — SIR EDWARD BETHUNE — THE MATHEMATICIANS AND THE UNIVERSE.

By ATTICUS.

The Churchill family do not let the grass grow under their feet. Mr. Winston Churchill, in his story of "My Early Life," which is one of the successes of the present publishing season, sets forth the wondrous tale of his youthful achievement. By the time he was 26 he had served in five campaigns, published five books ("the same number as Moses," I once heard him say), had been made a prisoner of war and escaped, played in the Indian polo championship team, acted as a war correspondent, contested two Parliamentary elections, and taken his seat in the House of Commons.

His son is evidently out to emulate the paternal record so far as the opportunities of these relatively peaceful days permit. Young Mr. Randolph Churchill is only 21, and has already gained a reputation as a public speaker. Just now he is on a lecturing tour in the United States, talking about Anglo-American relations, and drawing large and enthusiastic audiences He has something to recommend him besides his ancestry and name, for he is not only very clever and fluent but extremely good-looking.

POPULARISING THE QUARTER-DECK.

The Admiralty has appointed a committee to inquire into the conditions under which naval officers are selected. It includes one schoolmaster, Mr. F. R. Dale, who is head of the City of London School, a fine Latin scholar, and a good educationist. But his nomination has a certain significance. The Navy has been officered largely from the classes who are more likely to send their boys to the older public schools than to one of the less socially distinguished foundations. Now apparently it is to be democratised like the rest of our institutions; and its present rulers are anxious to ascertain whether its executive ranks cannot draw more freely upon the young fellows who frequent a great London day school and do not as a rule have aristocratic affinities or "county" associations.

OUR ELDERLY RULERS.

The private secretary of fiction and the stage is usually a brisk young fellow in his twenties or early thirties. He is not always like that in real life—at any rate, in real political life. Our Mr. Lansbury has just appointed as his private secretary Mr. Frank Smith, M.P. The honourable gentleman is a justly esteemed Labour legislator, who is understood to be about the same age as his chief—that is, well over 70. Youth is clearly not an indispensable qualification for official advancement under a Socialist Government. The Cabinet itself, with Lord Parmoor, Lord Passfield, and Mr. Lansbury himself sending up the average, must be one of the oldest on record. It lost a middle-aged member in the late Lord Thomson, and has replaced him by another septuagenarian, Lord Amulree.

A BEAU SABREUR.

The death of Lieut.-General Sir Edward Bethune recalls memories of an older war than that of 1914-18. Those who remember the South African campaign of thirty years ago will not have forgotten that dashing body of mounted men which Bethune raised and called by his own name. Bethune's Horse was one of those corps of light cavalry or mounted infantry which could move faster than the stolid British regular regiments and fight the elusive Boers on something like their own terms. Bethune was the right commander for a force of this kind, and a first-rate horseman, though he had lost the use of his right hand by an accident. He declined to allow this disability to interfere with his military career, and contrived to get plenty of active service and a good deal of sport and other diversions, including greyhound racing, of which he was one of the first patrons and promoters. He was a popular man in many circles, a witty conversationalist, and a fine specimen of the kind of officer who did extremely well in the British Army of the pre-scientific stage.

INDUSTRY AND GENIUS.

A remark of Sir James Barrie in his last rectorial address has revived the old controversy on the nature of genius. Sir James endorses Carlyle's dictum about genius being an infinite capacity for taking pains. It is a sound axiom to be recommended to University students. But is it true? My own belief is that genius is the capacity to achieve success either in action or in creative work *without* excessive labour. The merely talented person must toil hard to produce his effects; the genius brings off his by instinct or the light of nature. It is the difference between a Shakespeare and a Ben Jonson.

Certainly some of the people I have known, who might lay claim to the title of genius, were rather idle. Cecil Rhodes, for example, had an exceptionally active mind, combined with an amazing inability to master the details of anything with complete accuracy. Is Sir James Barrie himself a very industrious worker? He has, at any rate, always seemed to rely on the quality rather than the quantity of his literary output, and cannot be called a prolific writer. I wonder whether any other man of letters has ever acquired a world-wide reputation and a large fortune with so slender an output. The late Henry Arthur Jones said that he had written, first and last, a hundred plays. Barrie has written about a dozen full-sized dramas, seven or eight one-act pieces, and a few novels, skits, and biographical essays, in the course of forty-three years. Most of our modern authors have been more productive. But they are not all geniuses.

A MAN OF ACTION.

To judge from the fact that two books have lately been published about Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, we may suppose that there is a reviving interest in that rather enigmatical character. What impressed one most about Roosevelt was his amazing vitality. He believed in action, for men and nations. Anything seemed to him better than to rust and stagnate. For this reason he hailed the Spanish-American War with delight.

I met him first at a luncheon party in Washington a few months before the opening of that conflict. He thought America was growing too soft and comfortable, and needed the clash of arms to rouse it. "We must fight somebody," he said. "We had rather not fight you [the British], but if we cannot fight anybody else we may have to fight *you*." Fortunately the Cuban campaign diverted his martial enthusiasms; and afterwards he showed his real regard and liking for us, though he felt that we were not holding fast enough to our superb Imperial heritage. "Govern or go," was his admonition.

Later I saw him receive his honorary degree at Oxford. Lord Curzon, as Vice-Chancellor, delivered the prescribed sentences in Latin, "a language," he observed, "which our new graduate no doubt understands to be the habitual medium of communication in this University."

THE NEW MYSTICISM.

Sir James Jeans, who has just fluttered the theological dovecotes by explaining that the Universe must be regarded as an essay in Pure Mathematics, is a pure mathematician himself. He is one of that learned group of Cambridge physicists and astronomers who are re-stating philosophy and metaphysics in the terms of their own sciences. He has written a number of works which are familiar only to specialists; but in the last two years he has appealed to a wider audience, like his colleague Professor Eddington, with books which are intended to explain to the general body of intelligent readers the new cosmogony and physics. His "Universe Around Us" is said to have sold 40,000 copies. No doubt his new book will be no less widely read, though it is based on abstruse mathematical conceptions which most of us cannot even grasp. But we all like these fascinating glimpses into the infinite and the unintelligible, even if we are not quite clear as to their precise meaning. Perhaps we should not admire Einstein so much if we really understood him.

THE SCHOOL AGE.

MORE COMPULSION.

A WASTE OF MONEY.

By HAROLD COX.

Sir Charles Trevelyan's Education Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons last week, by a majority of 67, as the result of co-operation between Liberals and Socialists. The purpose of the Bill is to raise the age for compulsory education from 14 to 15. Already some local education authorities have done this by means of by-laws, but they have also made provision for granting exemption in individual cases. The new Bill proposes to abolish this power of granting exemptions and proposes also to raise the age to 15 compulsorily throughout all England and Wales. On educational grounds it is difficult to discover any excuse for this new compulsion. Already there are plenty of opportunities for children to prolong their school life, and to do so without their parents having to incur any expenditure. Many children are indeed obtaining free education in secondary schools up to the age of 16.

On educational grounds, in fact, the Bill is not merely unnecessary, but strongly undesirable. It may be welcomed by a few educational enthusiasts, but it is being opposed on educational grounds by responsible authorities. The London County Council, which controls the education of more children than any other body in the kingdom, has passed a resolution strongly condemning the Bill on the specific ground that it would be impossible to provide adequate educational facilities for the additional number of children by April 1, which is the date on which the Bill comes into operation. Members of the Education Committee of the London County Council have also issued a statement pointing out in detail the impossibility of providing proper education for the increased number of school children at the proposed date. This statement mentions that already in the elementary schools there are nearly 40,000 teachers who do not possess the Board of Education certificate, and it would be necessary largely to increase this number if all children are to be compelled to stay at school up to 15.

AT BEST PREMATURE.

In his speech in the House of Commons opposing the Bill, Sir Cyril Cobb raised a further point of very great importance, namely, the fact that the child population of London will shortly decline, with the result that the number of school places now in existence or being provided will in five or six years' time exceed the then requirements. Apparently the London County Council, in order to meet the needs of the present child population, is enlarging its school accommodation so as to provide as many as 38,000 additional places within the next few years. But by 1936 these additional places will not be required, and so far as can be gathered from Sir Cyril Cobb's speech the existing accommodation is already 11,000 more than the needs of 1936 will require.

These facts clearly prove that if a Bill of this sort is to go through at all its operation ought to be postponed, at any rate until the year 1935. Otherwise, not in London only, but in many other areas, large sums of money will be absolutely wasted. Our most urgent national need at the present moment is to reduce public expenditure. Yet here are two political parties combining together to incur a vast amount of additional expenditure for which there is no real necessity.

ESTIMATES OF COST.

Not only will large sums of money have to be spent to provide additional school accommodation, additional teachers and, probably, also additional training colleges for the teachers, but beyond this the Bill proposes that the Government should pay maintenance grants to the parents of the children who are compelled to stay an extra year at school. The argument, apparently, is that, as these parents will lose the advantage of the wages their children might have been earning, they ought to receive compensation. The cost of these maintenance grants is estimated in the Bill to rise to over £5,000,000 a year in the year 1935-36. The authors of the Bill themselves confess that this is only a tentative estimate, and past experience should make the country realise that an immensely larger figure may possibly be reached.

If maintenance grants are to be given to parents to pay them for sending their children to school between the ages of 15 and 16, why not between the ages of 11 and 12 or between 12 and 13? Some people may, perhaps, still remember that when Mr. Asquith introduced the Old-Age Pensions Bill in 1908 he said that the cost was never likely to exceed £6,000,000 a year, and would probably fall short of that figure. The estimated figure for the current year is over £36,000,000. The truth of the matter is that the real purpose of the Bill is not to improve education, but to pretend to do something towards solving the problem of unemployment. Sir Charles Trevelyan made this perfectly clear in his speech. His argument was that if children are kept longer at school they will not go into the labour market so soon, and consequently there will be more jobs for older men. But when he got down to details he had to admit that the number of new jobs would only amount to 150,000. Even if there were any guarantee that older men would to this extent be employed to take the jobs of boys and girls, it still does not make a very big reduction in the present figure of over two million unemployed. Beyond this, additional burdens that the Bill proposes to place upon the taxpayer will reduce his power of giving direct employment, and even if maintenance grants are given on the scale demanded by the Labour Party, many parents will be worse off than if they had been allowed to send their children to work.

DREAMS OF EQUALITY.

Throughout Sir Charles Trevelyan's speech there is an unpleasant suggestion that behind the Bill is the extreme Socialist idea that we all ought to be reduced to a status of equality and that all children should be the care of the State. The argument for keeping children at school till 15 and paying their parents maintenance allowances would equally apply to compulsory education up to the University age, accompanied with lavish payments to all the parents. Socialists and semi-Socialists never seem to appreciate the fact that human beings are born unequal, and that complete equality would involve degradation. Moreover, nearly all human beings value things they pay for themselves much more than the things they receive as a dole from the State. Instead of extending free education at the present time, an Education Minister who really cared for education would take steps to reverse the blunder committed in 1918, when voluntary fee-paying schools were abolished. Their re-establishment to-day would be popular with a very large section of the working classes, and would appreciably reduce the burden of taxation, which is now hampering our industries, and so creating unemployment.

We can expect that we shall have a life for humanity something in the order of 2,000 million years.—Sir James Jeans.

Owing to the war we have all of us come into a full-fledged democracy before we were ready for it.—Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin.

The present Imperial Conference has already been of incalculable value to the group of countries which I am content to call the British Empire.—Sir Richard Squires, Prime Minister of Newfoundland.

Whatever is done for the Dominions must be done voluntarily by the people of this country, otherwise it is going to cause more friction than anything else.—Mr. G. W. Forbes, the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

I want a guy of the fiends who are responsible for making women wear long skirts in 1930, and are threatening us with corsets, tight-lacing, and all the other horrors of the pre-war period.—Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By "AUTOLYCUS."

By an interesting coincidence, two holders of titles bestowed in honour of famous victories celebrate a birthday on November 13—the Duke of Marlborough, who will be 59, and Viscount Hood, who will be 62. The Duke, though he now leads a somewhat retired life, has emulated his great ancestor in his interest in military and political affairs, for he was Military Secretary to Lord Roberts during the South African War, and later Paymaster of the Forces, while he has also served as Under-Secretary for the Colonies and Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture. Viscount Hood's family is said to owe its splendid association with the Navy to a carriage accident. A sea captain whose carriage broke down was given hospitality by the Rev. Samuel Hood, and was so struck by the character of the vicar's two sons that he offered to take them both to sea. The offer was accepted, and the younger son became Lord Bridport, while the elder was rewarded for many gallant services by a viscountcy in 1796.

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Sir Edward Bethune was always remarkable in any company for his unfailing good humour and ceaseless flow of witticisms. Unconventional to a degree, his qualities as a soldier were seen at their best when he was in company with his irregular regiment in South Africa, or with his Territorials in Lancashire just before the Great War. He had a way with him that fascinated them all so far that he could do what he liked with them.

Laughingly he would, after dinner, offer to wager that no other officer but he himself had served in all three arms of the Service. This was perfectly correct, since he had passed through Woolwich and served as a field artillery subaltern; he then transferred to the Gordon Highlanders, with whom he served several years; finally, he exchanged into the cavalry and served, first, with the 6th Dragoons, and then with the 16th Lancers. These changes he would, with a large wink, ascribe to his own misdeeds!

But his *pièce de résistance* was, when speaking at a public function before his Territorials, to allude to "we, poor old soldiers, broke in our country's wars." Then he would wave the stump of his right hand dramatically—for he had lost this hand as the result of an explosion while acting in an amateur play. Often the audience would cheer sympathetically, imagining that this loss had occurred in war. Then, Bethune, delighted with his own bit of fun, would go on: "Don't any of you believe an old soldier like me—he's too artful." Then he sat down chuckling, and explaining the truth to his neighbours.

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To all who knew her, the tragically early death of Miss Diana Skeffington on Thursday came as a personal blow, for although everyone realised she was very seriously ill, it seemed incredible that one so full of the joy of life should have to abandon it so soon. "Charming" is a very over-worked expression nowadays, but nothing else quite describes that radiant, yet absolutely simple, personality. To me, and doubtless to many others, it always seemed as though Diana Skeffington had been granted the famous wish of Queen Alexandra—"above all, I want to be loved." Almost everybody has a host of acquaintances, but of how few can one say that they had a host of friends, such as she possessed? Tall and graceful, like her mother Lady Massereene and Ferrard, Miss Skeffington was absolutely natural and unaffected, whatever the occasion: hence her amazingly infectious capacity for enjoying life. I remember her; outwardly grave and serious, yet with a delicious twinkle in her eye, at a small dinner-dance Lady Massereene gave in Rutland Gate at which Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught were present; and then again, cooking the breakfast and washing up afterwards at a remote shooting box in Scotland after all the servants had suddenly decamped.

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The 81st birthday of Sir Frederick Milner and the jubilee of his baronetcy were celebrated on Friday by a luncheon given in his honour at the Ambassador Club by the Ex-Services Welfare Society, of which he is president, and by the presentation of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell. Sir Frederick made a simple but telling speech, in which he said that, while honours and decorations meant little to him, there was no title in the world of which he was more proud than of being known as "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Friend."

I remember that some years ago Sir Frederick revealed the keynote of his philosophy of life in the three words, "gentleness: honour: love," and no man has lived up to such a motto more consistently than he. As I listened on Friday to the appreciations of this very gallant and still youthful-looking old man, I thought of the unheard tributes of gratitude and affection that were wafted to him on his birthday by countless disabled and neurasthenic ex-sailors and soldiers, whose lives he spends his days in easing, and renders, if not happy, at least tolerable.

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"Listening to music expressions" would perhaps be a more descriptive title than "Camerhapsodies" for the amusing collection of photographs taken by Captain Peter North of celebrities engaged in listening to their favourite piece of music. The choice in some cases is somewhat surprising: for instance, Mr. Gordon Craig is shown pensively savouring the delights of "Rule Britannia," and the Duchess of Sutherland listens a trifle sadly to "The Crusaders' March" being played on the pipes.

In several of the other photographs, however, the musical backgrounds are entirely characteristic of the sitters, such as the light, dainty air from Sacha Guitry's "Mozart," to which the very attractive Mrs. Kenneth Williamson bends an attentive ear; clad in a robe de style made of hundreds of tiny lace frills. As a matter of fact, this record is the one she very often plays at her famous week-end parties at "The Fishery," the riverside house at Denham owned by her husband, who is heir to Lord Forres. Two of her great friends, Lady Bective and Mrs. Rosita Forbes, are also pictured listening to music, but to my mind the most unexpected choice of all is that of M. Philip Ferraro, the king of maîtres d'hôtel, who chose a record of Sir Landon Ronald's "Down in the Forest."

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A well-known Frenchman is to make his bow at the dinner of the United Associations of Great Britain and France next Thursday night. This is Monsieur H. H. J. Goiran, the new Consul-General of France in London. His father was General Goiran, formerly Minister of War, and at one time Mayor of Nice. Monsieur Goiran himself has been Consul in New York and Chicago, and was Consul-General in South Africa in 1924 onwards. As he was Consul at Liverpool from 1920 to 1924, he knew Lord Derby, who will preside at next Thursday's dinner. He served in the artillery during the War at Artois and on the Chemin des Dames, and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

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Next Thursday the business women of London who belong to the Efficiency Club are to discuss "Efficiency in Murder." In the chair will be Miss Maud West, who is well known as one of London's lady detectives, and whose activities extend to the Continent. A lecture is to be given by Miss Dorothy Sayers, who will explain to the members of the Club and their friends how murder may most efficiently be committed with the least possible likelihood of discovery. Miss Sayers, in her books "The Documents in the Case" and "Strong Poison," has already given some idea of her views on the art of polite murder.

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London is full of Indian Rajas and other colourful people, but an effigy of Eros, tried out on the now enlarged pitch in Piccadilly, has been attracting more attention than any of them. Some old things are only dear to Londoners come to years, but Eros has caught the affection of the younger generation. He is, I believe, all ready to be up again and shooting his arrow of love, for the little wound in his aluminium body has been perfectly repaired. It is only a question, in the now rather different perspective of Piccadilly Circus, how high he shall stand and where he shall direct his bow and arrow. Of course Londoners will never let him come down again, and so the top of the underlying "tube" station is being waterproofed before he, in person, takes the place of what some people, when they saw it, thought a Guy Fawkes effigy of the little god.

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Mr. Robert Hichens, who is 66 this week, is so generally reckoned among the moderns that many of his admirers may be surprised to learn that he is within a year of his literary jubilee. He was only 17 when he published his first book—a thriller which he has refused to have reprinted—and only 19 when he won a considerable reputation with "The Green Carnation," which satirised the same "aesthetic" movement which Gilbert ridiculed in "Patience." He had to write another dozen novels, however, before, in 1905, he attained best-seller rank with "The Garden of Allah." Mr. Hichens is a most conscientious writer, and gave seven years to planning and writing his famous desert romance.

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In a note on the late Dr. H. R. Hall a few weeks ago I referred to the "History of Persia" which, to everyone's astonishment, he produced at the age of 11. Mr. Patrick M. Hall writes to say that he found this "History" among his cousin's papers, and that another discovery was a sequel to Jules Verne's "Voyage to the Moon," written by Hall at the age of 14, and illustrated by J. B. Yeats, then 16. "He seems," Mr. Patrick Hall goes on, "to have been a born museum amator, as there were also catalogues of his private museum and quarterly reports—the earliest dating from 1884, when he was 11!"

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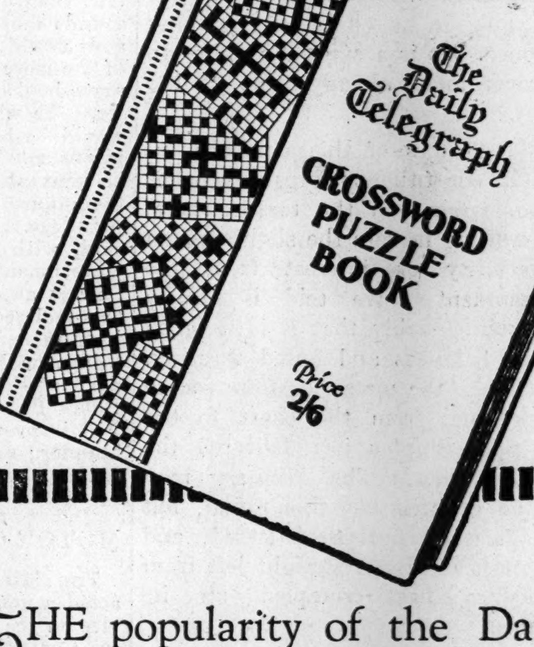

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MENE, MENE.

LIKE the days of BELSHAZZAR, the days of the Government are "counted and numbered." Shipley has sent the writing on the wall. Here was a Socialist stronghold which had never before returned a Conservative to Parliament; it is in the North of England, which we were constantly being told—the story is now seen to be a fairy tale—would have nothing to do with Protection. Despite these things it has turned a Socialist majority of close on 5,000 into a Conservative majority of over 1,500, and it has done so on the clear-cut issue of Safeguarding. The result is undoubtedly a portent. One victory at a bye-election does not make a Conservative summer, and Shipley alone might be no more than mightily encouraging. But Shipley is not alone; Shipley comes as the last link in a chain of damning evidence. It is a staggering blow to a Government already gone at the knees.

The electors of this northern industrial constituency, groaning under unemployment in the textile trade, and waiting in vain the slightest sign of activity or interest from the Government, have told it clearly and unmistakably that it is weighed in the balances and found wanting. To change the metaphor from sacred to profane, from the court to the ring-side, Shipley has delivered the decisive blow. The Ministry may not be counted out this round, but it is already beaten, battered, and broken-hearted. A straight left from Yorkshire has crumpled up its defence.

If this be regarded as an extravagant estimate, consider some other circumstances. Consider the results of the recent municipal elections—heavy Socialist losses for the first time since 1923. Consider that even the Liberals, harassed and embarrassed by a fresh split in their ranks at the very hour of going to the polls, were able to increase by over a thousand votes their figures at the last election at the expense of the dead and damned Socialists. Consider the whole record of this Government, ushered in with such a flourish of trumpets, such a display of bunting and garlands, and within eighteen months following its own corpse to the funeral without a mourner or a flower. Its whole record can be summed up in two words: Extravagance and Inertia. From the first it showed enterprise only in spending, and even so was propelled less by spontaneous energy than by kicks from behind. For unemployment, for unexampled industrial depression, despite a bookful of promises, it has done nothing and worse than nothing. It seems almost to have given up without trying. Now, as though to set the fool's cap on the fool, it has missed the opportunity of a century at the Imperial Conference. This country has suffered from some bad Governments since the war, but this one outshines them all. Almost the sole achievement of a Government called into being to rescue the nation from a pit of depression unparalleled since the Hungry Forties is Mr. LANSBURY'S Lido. The nation asked for bread, and it has been given—mixed bathing! That is the fittest comment on a tragic farce.

It is said that because of the Round Table Conference the Ministry must be kept alive till the New Year. If it is, there will be need for artificial respiration. The question is no longer whether the Government ought to be killed, but whether, with the best will in the world, any power on earth can save it. It is dying of pernicious anæmia. It has no blood in its veins, apparently not even any will to keep alive. It is wracked with internal dissensions, the PRIME MINISTER is the listless head of a limping team; its own supporters are deserting it. On its grave, when it staggers into it, will be graven the words: "Here lies a Government that died of sheer incompetence." With the Education Bill, the Trade Disputes Amendment Bill, and increasing friction with the Liberals and its own left wing ahead of it, it can only survive the rigours of the winter by a miracle. Only the importance of the Round Table Conference makes us hope that the necessary miracle will be performed.

CRIMINAL LUNACY.

OF all the follies of this worst of bad Governments, perhaps the most spectacular is the Bill to raise the school-leaving age. It is the most ill-digested measure for years, and it is founded on a fallacy. We doubt if anyone wants it, with the exception of the MINISTER OF EDUCATION and the School Teachers' Union; and even if the principle on which it were based were a sound one—which it most certainly is not—the present is emphatically the wrong moment for putting it into effect.

To start with, the Bill is founded on the exploded Victorian belief that the kind of free elementary education the State now provides is an unmitigated blessing. It is nothing of the sort. A great deal of it is a sheer waste of time and money, and all that the new measure proposes to do is to extend that waste for another year—at a price. The bright child of 14 can already lengthen his free education by scholarships and secondary schools, and a very great many do so. The remainder, the mediocrities, will not benefit by having their present half-baked education extended for another year; on the contrary, they may even be actually harmed. The important thing is to fit them for the business of living, and the way to do that is to develop the resources of technical training. By that means they might develop into better-trained citizens; they will certainly never do so by being retained in the classroom for any extra year to learn the dates of the Wars of the Roses and the matrimonial entanglements of HENRY VIII.

At any time this Bill would be a costly mistake—conceived in sentimentality and brought forth under trade union pressure. At the present moment, with the need for economy more insistent than at any time for a century, it sounds more like dementia: whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. If the mere cost of keeping the elementary school child at school an extra year were the whole extent of the folly, that would be bad enough; but it is by no means so. The children are not only to be kept at school an extra year, but their parents are to be paid for the privilege. Not content, as has been well said, with giving education away, the Government proposes to bribe people to take it away. Mr. LLOYD GEORGE calls this mollycoddling; we prefer to call it immoral. It is the principle of Something for Nothing exalted to the standard of Something for Nothing *plus* a Dole. Put this way, the new Education Bill is seen to be a crime as well as a blunder; not lunacy only, but criminal lunacy.

MOTOR COACHES IN LONDON.

THE Ministry of Transport has not acted a moment too soon in seeking advice on the control of motor-coach traffic in Central London. The problem is already a formidable one, and it is bound to grow unless it is taken in hand immediately. A scheme for co-ordinating the traffic of London is already well under way; if motor-coaches are left out of the plan, its usefulness will be very largely nullified. The rapidity with which this type of vehicle is multiplying its numbers in the streets of the Metropolis is all too plainly shown by the evidence of the eye. These motor-coaches not only add heavily to the congestion of main streets and the dangers of narrow ones; their ever-growing practice of using the street-sides as parking places constitutes a problem of its own.

The advantage to the passenger of a conveyance that will take him from the country direct to the heart of London is plain enough; but there are all the other passengers in London itself to think of, and the delay caused to them by added congestion will, if it is not checked, become grave. There is also the consideration that if motor-coaches run in competition with buses and underground trains from outer to inner London, a wasteful duplication is established. Motor-coaches are primarily for long-distance travel, like main-line trains: for inner London there are tubes, trams and buses. If London's traffic is to be efficiently co-ordinated, the terminal stations of motor-coaches should be set outside the central area. Not only so, but the time to set about ensuring that this shall happen is here and now. If the haphazard parking of motor-coaches in streets within the heart of London is allowed to continue, the task of clearing them out later will be much more complicated and costly. A claim having been once staked out, vested interests are created: the difficulty of getting Charing Cross Station transferred to the south side of the river is a glaring example of what we mean. For this reason the Ministry of Transport is right to take the matter up now. Such steps as are taken should be taken with the ultimate objective of keeping the motor-coach out of Central London.

AMERICA GOES MOIST.

Two main conclusions may safely be drawn from the results of the United States' elections. In the first place the Democratic landslide is a vote less in favour of the Democrats than against the Republicans—and especially against Mr. HOOVER. In the second place, it is a vote against Prohibition. In the Presidential election of 1928 Mr. HOOVER was swept into White House on an almost unequalled wave of Republican support. To-day the Republican majorities in both the Senate and the House of Representatives have been practically wiped out, and Mr. HOOVER has the unenviable prospect of governing hereafter to the end of his term of office with a hostile Congress behind him.

Why has Mr. HOOVER so dramatically fallen from grace? The reason is simple, and it is not his fault. He came into power as the grand apostle of prosperity, and within two years the country has been plunged into depression. Like the Presidents of successive States in the Southern Continent, he has become the victim of the prevailing world-depression. But even more significant than his personal downfall is the victory of the "Wets." The "Wets" are "Wets" first and Democrats or Republicans afterwards: the liquor issue cuts right across Party lines. The results certainly seem to show that in both parties the opponents of Prohibition have been signally successful. If this movement continues to grow the VOLSTEAD Act may one day be repealed. America is not likely to be wet again for many a day, but she is growing distinctly moist.

EMPIRE CONSTITUTION.

WHILE the British Government has robbed the economic discussions of the Imperial Conference of most of their point by refusing even to examine the possibility of tariffs, the constitutional discussions have been proceeding according to plan. The two outstanding questions before the Conference were those of the right to secede and of the appointment of Governors-General, and on both of them there seems a prospect of reasonable and statesmanlike agreement.

It is a platitude that the strength of the British Constitution is the fact that it is unwritten. The very same is true of the Constitution of the Empire. By every line set down on paper by way of definition the real strength of the position must become weakened. Nor is anything ultimately gained in return. The right to secede, for example, could not be gainsaid if ever an attempt to exercise it were made. Where is the gain, then, in writing it down in legal language? Far better to leave it implicit than explicit. So with the question of Governors-General: if a Dominion decided to nominate its own, the experiment could scarcely be denied. But there are so many advantages in retaining the direct representation of the Throne in the Dominions in the hands of a man outside the press and pull of political tides in his own country, that by far the best course is to leave matters as they are in theory, until, if they should be, they are challenged in practice.

A SURFEIT OF "RAGGING."

THERE has been a regrettable tendency of late on the part of University undergraduates to regard the London streets as their natural playground. The tendency was seen at its worst last Wednesday night, when the memory of the unhappy GUY FAWKES was taken as an excuse by some hundreds of London University students for lighting bonfires in the public thoroughfares, burning hoardings, railings, and workmen's tools, and throwing fireworks in a Tube station. Nobody would complain of a certain ebullition of high spirits on the part of young men and women still *in statu pupillari*. Nobody would complain if they confined their activities to their own province, lit bonfires on their own playing fields, and threw squibs in the precincts of their own colleges. That would be an affair for the University authorities and not the civil authorities to deal with.

But when it comes to the destruction of other people's property and the disturbance of the public peace it is time to draw the line. Surely we need not return to the habits of the middle ages, when town and gown fought pitched battles in the highways; surely the University student need not revert to his one-time position as the enemy of law and order. Boys will be boys and undergraduates will be undergraduates: but we do not expect them to usurp the functions of the London street arab.

IN PRAISE OF OBESITY.

"LET me have men about me that are fat," said CÆSAR, and did not foresee the defeat of Justice. News comes from Berlin that a woman, by the simple device of weighing 26½ stone, has for several years avoided trial for fraud. The good lady cannot leave her flat: if she could be extracted from her flat no car could transport her to the court, and if she were transported to the court the dock would not fit her. The long arm of the law is not long enough to embrace this offender.

What a warning against banting! A stage celebrity has already announced that she has no desire to get thin. Will the underworld follow her example?

Stouter than I used to be,
Still more corpulent grow I;
There will be too much of me
In the coming by-and-by.

CÆSAR would certainly never have expected a Gilbertian situation in which the criminal escaped, not by making himself scarce, but by making himself plentiful.

THE FUTURE OF INDIA.

AN HISTORIC CONFERENCE.

WHAT IT MAY ACHIEVE

CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS.

By Lord Meston.

When the Indian Round-Table Conference meets on Wednesday nothing will be lacking to mark an historic occasion. His Majesty the King, whose affection for India is known to be warm and unfeigned, will open the Conference. The Prime Minister of Great Britain will preside over it. A royal palace will be its official headquarters; and the private homes of England will show that hospitality is not exclusively an Oriental virtue. Both the Government of this country and its people are as sincere in their welcome of our Indian visitors as they are anxious to establish relations of frankness and friendship for the future. All those who love India cherish the confident hope that her representatives will worthily respond.

It would be vain to ignore the clouds in the Conference sky—the refusal of the most virile section of the Nationalist Party to co-operate, the undisguised sectional interests of many of the delegates, the danger of catchwords like "Dominion status" and the "right to secede." Equally vain would it be to expect impossibilities of the Conference. No agreed Constitution can emerge from its consultations because its delegates have no plenary powers. For the same reason no settlement of Hindu-Moslem differences can be looked for, and few of the other major issues can be advanced to anything like finality. In fact, all the disadvantages must be faced which attach to the absence in India of any means of ratifying whatever conclusions may be accepted by her representatives here.

Far overtopping, however, either the risks of the Conference or its limitations, are its opportunities. Our people will be enabled, as never before, to see at first hand something of the vastness and the complexity of India's problems. The Indian delegates, on their side, will have a canvas on which they can paint for us their own picture of their country's future—a picture which none of us have yet seen. They will be free to tell us where our dogmas of democracy grate upon their traditional schemes of life, how far the electoral and parliamentary systems of the West are misfits in the East, to what extent our conceptions of individualism fail to accord with their conceptions of a well-ordered State. They can help enormously in the work which our Parliament has undertaken to carry through for India; but, above all, they can restore that confidence in India's good sense and good-fellowship which recent events have shaken. If they would make that task their own, the Conference would deserve all its historic setting.

In planning the development of India into a great nation, two alternative courses present themselves The first is the desperate course of flinging into deep water the child who is being taught to swim. Withdraw British control, say its advocates, and also British protection, and the nationhood of India will assert itself. She has an ancient culture, martial sons, and a burning patriotism Confusion and conflict may at the outset be unavoidable, but the removal of a foreign incubus will release the genius of the people, and in the travail a nation will be born.

This, in effect, is the claim of Mr. Gandhi and his followers, and it has its sympathisers in this country and elsewhere. Now, if India could be isolated and left to work out her own salvation, as by common consent of the world Russia and China have been isolated, she might in time reach the goal of self-determination by much the same roads as Russia and China are presumably approaching it.

To such a course there are only two objections. One is that common decency would forbid it; the other is that it is impossible. Thus far, a world which is profoundly influenced by the ideals of the League of Nations has refrained from interference in Russia and in China No suasion by the League of Nations could prevent either Afghanistan or Nepal from intervening in a civil war in India, and thus from setting Asia ablaze. The project would be a threat alike to humanity and to the peace of the world.

A Threefold Movement.

The other line of development is the less dramatic process recommended in the Simon Report. It contemplates a threefold movement. We can establish Home Rule in the great provinces of British India, and thus provide Indian leaders with an ample field for learning how to govern. It is no mean practice ground, the administration of a province of the same size and population as the British Isles; and to call the scheme an insult to the Indian intellect, as was recently done by a prominent Nationalist, bespeaks some lack of proportion. Simultaneously, we can lay the foundations for a federal organism, in which the self-governing provinces of British India and the principalities of the Indian States can cooperate for the direction of their common interests, in the provision of their common defence, and in the building up of a common nationhood.

A Strong Central Government.

Inasmuch as the pace of federation can never be forced, we must for the present retain a strong Central Government under the control of the British Parliament. It will be charged with the protection of the country from foreign aggression, and, in the last resort, with the maintenance of internal order; and it will gradually cede its functions to the federal administration as that body grows in knowledge and power. This is the line of peaceful evolution.

That it should be evolutionary and that it should be peaceful are clearly the essentials of constitutional progress. Should any line of advance which promises obvious advantage over the Commission's proposals be presented at the Conference, it will be welcome. Should no such solution be forthcoming, it is devoutly to be hoped that the Conference will apply its mind to the Commission's project and to those modifications of it which, we are told, the well-guarded secret of the Simla commentary will disclose. Persistent efforts have been made to side-track the whole of the Commission's scheme without any suggestion of a substitute. They reflect little credit on the political sense of the detractors, and, if successful, they would leave the Conference with no constructive draft on which to focus its discussions.

A United States of India.

Something more, however, is at stake than any question of mere procedure. We are offered a vision of the future, and the Indian patriot who shuts his eyes to it must be singularly insensible to his country's destiny. The vision is that of a United States of India, a great federation of self-governing lands, some of them under their hereditary Princes, others under their own Ministries, but all of them units of an Indian nation.

In the Imperial Crown of England will be their common bond, as well as the link between them and the sister nations of the Commonwealth. The units of the federation will be moving towards a novel type of civilisation, neither wholly the legacy of India's isolated past nor entirely imposed upon her by the West, but a blend and adaptation of both. The old social evils, deplored by India's reformers as well as by her friends, will be yielding to the growing sanity of public opinion; and the old racial dissensions will be bridged by a new civic sense. In achieving this result, British and Indian effort will have co-operated; and by its achievement new links of interest and esteem will have been forged between the two countries. The prospect is one which almost makes heroics permissible.

Conditions of Success.

Nevertheless, it is a prospect only, and it cannot be realised without the recognition of facts, the exercise of commonsense, and the deliberate cultivation of good will. The facts to be realised include the impossibility, in present circumstances, of withdrawing the guiding hand of Great Britain. The cultivation of good will postulates an end to the suspicions of our sincerity which Indian leaders affect, and to the unscrupulous attacks upon our Government and its officers.

The commonsense required means the abandonment of purely sentimental claims and of too transparent huckstering. Rumours, for example, have been put about that the delegates, whether Hindu or Moslem, had united in a pact to insist upon "Dominion status" as a preliminary to their remaining in the Conference. There is satisfaction in knowing that the report is untrue. The phrase is one which even the Imperial Conference has not yet been able to define; and the claim of some correlative right to leave the British Empire, of which we have been hearing rumbling murmurs, is just the sort of point about which it is not the constitutional tradition of our people to worry about until the necessity arises. There is no use, as Lord Morley was fond of repeating, in saying good morning to the devil until you meet him; and we may hope that the Conference will waste none of its energies in satanic salutations.

THE WAR GRAVES AND THEIR WITNESS.

"TO DRAW ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER."

"Only if there is another war will dumbness overtake them"

By SIR FABIAN WARE

(Permanent Vice-Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission).

During the summer months of this year over 100,000 persons signed the visitors' books at the British War Cemeteries and Memorials in France and Belgium; it is known that a large number of visitors were not aware of the existence of these books and did not sign them. War memories took most of them there. A number of them, however, were young men and women, some of them with no direct link with the war; they had heard that these cemeteries were something that the Empire was proud of and that they recorded the most momentous achievements which their country had contributed to the world's history. These young men and women started out, no doubt, in pride; those of them whom I know returned with that pride in no way diminished, but very deeply moved and eager to transmit to others the message which those cemeteries had given to them—a message which only comes to you in its full force as you stand in their atmosphere of silent rest, with the lines of headstones before you, the Cross of Sacrifice casting its shadow over you, and the grass and flowers rising at your feet in homely simplicity.

560,000 Graves.

But, perhaps, what had moved them most of all is that, like all others, it was only when they saw them that they at last really believed what they had read as to the number of these cemeteries—more than two thousand of them (including plots in public cemeteries) in France and Belgium alone, containing five hundred and sixty thousand graves.

So we are beginning now to see the effects which this work, of a kind and scope never yet attempted, is having, and is likely to have in the future, on the minds and spirits of our peoples. The interest in them of the war generations is maintained, if anything it is increasing; the new generations are following on with an interest of their own.

Equally Remembered.

The message which they bring back from those pilgrimages is, I think, that which the founders of this work hoped that it would convey. And I am glad to have been given this opportunity of placing on record what I believe to have been the resultant motives influencing those founders, particularly at a moment when we are just mourning the loss of one of them, the representative of what is known as the Labour movement, Mr. Harry Gosling. In speaking of "resultant motives," I do not wish to imply that there has ever been any clash or striving of contesting views. Let me dispose of any such idea at once by quoting a sentence from Harry Gosling's autobiography. Speaking of a visit to France in 1921 he says:—

> It was on this occasion that I first saw some of our simple headstones on the graves, and felt how right we had been in deciding that all graves, whatever the rank of the soldier, should be marked alike. I suppose the Imperial War Graves Commission is as representative of every different political view and social class as it is possible for any body to be, but on this question there has never been any hesitation, and as an Englishman I am proud that it was my country which, first in history, decided that those who made the great sacrifice should be thus faithfully and equally remembered.

That applies equally to the spirit in which they came to all their decisions; and by far the most important and far-reaching of these was the determination that, again for the first time in history, these visible memorials of the war should be made, as far as human effort could make them, really and literally permanent. Not only was this determination expressed in the solidity of construction on which they insisted, but by their successful persuasion of the Governments of the Empire to provide, now in this generation, an Endowment Fund which would ensure for ever their upkeep.

Such a thing had never been done before. Why did the Governments agree to it? Not only because of their supreme duty to the relatives of those who had given the million dead to the Empire, but, I am convinced, also because they were moved by the high purpose of reminding the Governments of the future of the fateful consequences of their own failure to avert war. Is this not summed up in the ardent belief voiced by the King that "these massed multitudes of silent witnesses to the desolation of war . . . these visible memorials will eventually serve to draw all peoples together in sanity and self-control"? That is the first message which these younger people bring back from their pilgrimages, the message of warning.

The Million Voices.

There is another message which many of them have caught. Though it may not be immediately understood by those who have not experienced it, there is an atmosphere of serenity within the walls of the war cemeteries; it seems to emanate from that subtle relationship between the spirits of the dead and the resting-places of their mortal remains in which mankind has believed throughout the ages; on their holy ground there is communicated to you a sense of satisfaction in complete achievement, of the glory of work well done with a singleness of purpose and clear ideal—without counting the cost.

These men did not make the war; they were the instruments of those who drifted into it, failed to avert it, or brought it about; and they, the Governments, have, with a prescience for which those to come will thank them, so ordered it that the message from these million voices shall be heard, even as their graven names shall be remembered, long after the voices of those at whose bidding they went to the war are silent Only if there is another war will dumbness overtake them.

The Missing.

As you stand before the Missing Memorials in France and Belgium, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the Suez Canal, or wherever the British Empire flung its armed forces, the message of warning is even more insistent. "Those who have no known grave." Whoever first thought of sounding the "Last Post" daily at the Menin Gate felt, perhaps, the more urgent desire for contact with the spirits of these men when the silence of nightfall descends upon their comrades in the war cemeteries. And now it rings out at the Loos Memorial, too, and, if the British Legion carry out their intention, it will be sounded nightly by the Commission's caretakers at all fourteen Memorials, right down the old western battle front from the English Channel to the Marne. It will remind the French and Belgian villagers and townsfolk of the faith and courage unto the end of two hundred and eighty-nine thousand men of the British Empire whose graves are known only unto God.

Can anyone who yearns for peace and who is working for the cessation of wars doubt that the Governments of the British Empire were right when thus by visible symbols, in our own time, they perpetuated these memories and made these voices carry across the ages to come?

The Result—

after reading "The Mysterious Universe," by Sir James Jeans.

By LORD DARLING.

I cannot suppose I completely
Comprehend the last Lecture I've read;
Can one pack "four dimensionals" neatly
In a poor three-dimensional head?

Though the world be not made by a tinker—
Some botcher, malicious or blind—
Though a pure mathematical thinker
Conceived it—the first of his kind—

Can "continuums" fully content us—
All our high aspirations supply—
Has the Mind that conceived all things meant us
To live but in thought, and there die?

Is all nothing, of nothings compounded?
Nil, Nihil; *in vacuo set;*
Are we nowhere, by everywhere bounded,
Whilst nunquam *and* semper *have met?*

Is the Firmament all an illusion,
Formed of Nothingness added to Nought?
Is the Earth, is the Moon, an intrusion
Into mixed mathematical thought?

Should the Universe be but a thought, I
Am puzzled to tell if I am;
Whether some folk be good folk, some naughty—
And if anything matters a da[illegible]

MR. SCULLIN DEFIES THE EXTREMISTS.

INTERVENTION IN AUSTRALIA'S FINANCIAL CRISIS.

MR. FENTON ASSURED OF HIS FULL SUPPORT.

COMMONWEALTH CABINET TO PROCEED WITH CONVERSION LOAN.

Mr. Scullin, Prime Minister of Australia, has intervened dramatically in the financial crisis which developed in the Commonwealth during his absence in England as delegate to the Imperial Conference.

To Mr. Fenton, his deputy as Prime Minister, Mr. Scullin cabled an assurance of full support in his stand against the extremists of the Australian Labour Party.

The Commonwealth Cabinet accordingly decided to proceed with arrangements for the issue of a Conversion Loan in defiance of the Labour Caucus, which proposed that bondholders should be required to wait for a year before the Government met its obligations.

Mr. Fenton issued a statement declaring that Australia "will never repudiate her just liabilities at home and abroad."

RELIEF IN CITY.

CONFIDENCE WHICH WAS SHAKEN.

The Sunday Times City Editor writes:—

The rejection by the Federal Government of the extremists' proposals for the compulsory postponement of redemption of the £27,000,000 internal loan, maturing next month, will come as a relief to the market.

That the good sense of the majority would ensure sound financial policy was confidently expected in view of the firm denials by Ministers that the Commonwealth would do anything to injure its credit.

The new elements of uncertainty in the Australian financial situation led to a diminution of confidence in the City, as was shown by the general marking down of stocks on Friday and in the quoting of wide prices, although there was practically no selling pressure. Commonwealth 5 per cent. 1945-75 registered a fall of 2 points to 78. Declines of several points were also shown in Queensland 5 per cent. 1940-60 at 73, and South Australia 5 per cent. 1945-75 at 75.

THE RIVAL POLICIES.

The controversy concerns £27,000,000 worth of loans which mature for repayment next month.

By twenty-two votes to sixteen the Labour Caucus carried a resolution that bondholders should be compelled by legislation to hold their bonds for a further period of twelve months.

The Government policy (now to be put into operation) is that the conversion should be carried out by means of long-term bonds at 5 per cent. and short-term bonds at 6 per cent.

MR. SCULLIN'S FIRMNESS.

NO GIVING WAY.

In view of the developments in Australia, Mr. Scullin curtailed his tour in the West of England and returned to London, yesterday. The Sunday Times was informed that up to a late hour last night no decision had been reached by the Australian Premier or his colleagues to bring their stay in this country to an earlier conclusion than had been planned.

Following his visit to Bristol on Friday, Mr. Scullin yesterday proceeded to Dorchester, to inspect the Beam wireless station. Instead of going West to Bridgwater he returned to London to consult his colleagues—Mr. Frank Brennon (Attorney-General) and Mr Moloney (Minister for Markets). The conference at the Savoy Hotel lasted for well over an hour. It produced no change in the attitude of Mr. Scullin firmly to resist any proposals for deferring the payment of debts maturing next month.

"The statement made by the Prime Minister yesterday (Mr. Scullin had replied "Decidedly not" in reply to a question whether he would give way) holds good to-day as ever" was the emphatic statement of a member of the suite last night.

BONDHOLDERS' GESTURE.

TO SACRIFICE 25 PER CENT.

CANBERRA, Saturday.

The Federal Government has rejected the instruction of the Labour Caucus concerning the £27,000,000 loan which matures next month. Mr. Fenton (acting Prime Minister) announced to-day that the Cabinet "overwhelmingly favoured" the plans of Mr. Lyons (acting Federal Treasurer), and were proceeding with the conversion of the loan on his terms.

It is expected that the prospectus will be issued after the Loan Council on Tuesday.

Mr. Fenton announced that some of the bondholders have signified their intention of allowing 25 per cent. of their bonds to be cancelled when they fall due on December 15 as a gift to the Commonwealth. He appealed to the patriotism of the people to support the loan.

"No Repudiation."

"The Government, Parliament, and the people," Mr. Fenton declared, "will never repudiate their just liabilities at home and abroad."

Mr. Fenton's announcement followed the receipt of a cable from Mr Scullin refusing definitely to agree to the plan of the Party Caucus. This represents an initial success for a section which is endeavouring to retain Mr. Lyons in the Cabinet and to oust the Minister of Health and Mr. Beasley (Assistant Minister for Industry). "The bold action of this section," said Mr. Fenton, "has strengthened the position of the Moderates in the party. The militants must climb down or precipitate a party smash."

No Resignation.

Mr. Fenton also stated emphatically that no decision by the Caucus could force the Government to resign The only method to accomplish this would be on the floor of the House, where, nevertheless the Moderates with the Opposition held a majority.

Mr. Anstey, when interviewed in his office, working in his shirtsleeves, was in a philosophical mood. "Boy," he said, "I'm not worrying about success or defeat; I'm equal to either fortune."

Mr. Lyons threatened to resign when, on the proposition of the Minister of Health, the Labour Caucas passed its motion. He is, on Tuesday, to attend a meeting of the Loan Council, and will now carry on with his own proposals.

The attendance of Mr. Lang (newly-elected Labour Premier for New South Wales) may influence the results of the meeting. All the other Premiers are prepared to support Mr. Lyons.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Bird (General Secretary of the Australian Labour Party) declared pointedly in Sydney to-day that if a minister, or member of the Party, found himself out of touch with the will of the majority, or no longer agreed with the principles of the Labour Party, the only honourable course for him to adopt was to resign. The movement, he continued, would not die, but flourish by the removal of dead weight.—Reuter.

LENIN'S NEW TOMB.

BODY CANNOT BE PLACED THERE.

HELSINGFORS, Saturday.

It is reported from Moscow that Lenin's body cannot be placed in the new splendid mausoleum that was opened in the Red Square yesterday.

The embalmed body is again showing signs of serious decomposition. Several foreign experts have been consulted regarding the possibility of re-embalming the body to ensure better preservation. At present only Lenin's face is visible through a hole in the coffin.

The new mausoleum is in the form of a cube and is covered both inside and outside with a polished layer of granite in three colours. The top of the mausoleum, the colonnade and the main hall and the inscription on the monolith at the entrance are made of porphyry brought from Karelia, the only place in the world where porphyry is to be found. The total weight of the structure is over 10,000 tons.—Reuter.

DAUGHTER FOR EX-RULER.

Shamisha Devi, the American wife of the ex-Maharaja of Indore, who was Miss Nancy Miller, of Seattle, when Sir Tukoji Rao married her after his abdication, has given birth to a second daughter at the ex-Maharaja's château at St. Germain-en-Laye, says Reuter. The child has been given the name of Sita Bai Holkar.

BULOW'S MEMOIRS.

RESENTMENT AGAINST THE KAISER.

Prince Bülow's Memoirs, which the "Daily Telegraph" will continue to publish this coming week, have reached a most dramatic stage. They deal with the famous interview with the Kaiser in 1908 printed by that paper, which created such an outburst in Germany, and in England "fell like a hailstorm in spring."

The former German Chancellor reveals for the first time that a meeting of the ruling German Princes in Berlin to protest to the Kaiser was proposed, and mentions a momentous step contemplated by the Kaiser himself when the resentment against him in Germany was at its highest. These disclosures are of the foremost historical importance.

On Armistice Day (Tuesday) the "Daily Telegraph" will contain an article by the well-known padre of Toc H, the Rev. P. T. Clayton. It is an interpretation of what Armistice Day really means to the very young, and a spirited protest against the belittlement of the fallen implied by those who have been persuaded that they serve peace by ignoring all that is reminiscent of war.

"FATHER" OF BOAT RACE DEAD.

The death occurred yesterday of His Honour Judge Millis Coventry, of West Drive, Streatham Park, "father" of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race.

An obituary notice, together with other obituary notices, appears on page 24.

MORE JEWS FOR PALESTINE.

1.480 PERMITS TO BE ISSUED.

CABINET POLICY.

The Sunday Times learns from an authoritative source that the Palestine Administration, with the concurrence of the Colonial Office, has been empowered to issue 1,480 permits for Jewish emigrants to Palestine for the ensuing six months. This decision is the sequel to the recently published report of Sir John Hope Simpson.

It is stated on authority that the granting of these permits is not a reversal in any way of the policy of the Government, or any other organisation concerned in the matter of Jewish immigration to Palestine. On the contrary, it is in strict accordance with the policy of the Government, based upon the Balfour Declaration.

When reports were received from Palestine that the question of unemployment was acute, in accordance with the Balfour Declaration that the immigration of Jews should not be allowed to prejudice the position of the Arabs the Administration decided to regulate the issue of permits to Jewish immigrants until the Hope Simpson report had been made.

After consideration of that report, and with the knowledge that the Jewish organisations had secured a large area of land which was still undeveloped and unsettled, it was decided that their work of immigration could continue. In the circumstances, it was decided that permits to the number above should be issued for the next six months.

The Palestine Administration is working in conjunction with the Jewish Agencies there.

WORST ATLANTIC CROSSING.

AQUITANIA'S ORDEAL.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The Aquitania arrived here to-day, eighteen hours late, after having been buffeted for three days by heavy winds and huge waves.

The 732 passengers and the crew were unanimously agreed that the storm encountered was the worst they had ever known. Captain Diggle announced that although the speed had to be reduced to twelve knots, no damage was done to the ship.—Reuter.

HOTEL GUESTS.

PARIS POLICE WARNING TO PROPRIETORS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

M. Chiappe, the Prefect of Police of Paris, has just issued an instruction warning hotel keepers that they must accept responsibility for those to whom they give hospitality, unless they fully comply with the regulations which demand that every person staying in the hotel or boarding house for even one night, shall fill up a form which gives their full description of identity and profession, and so forth.

The hotel keeper is reminded that he ought to ask the visitor for his identity papers or his passport before admitting him. It is well known to the police that many people stay in hotels for one or two nights under false names and give false addresses. The examination of passports would put a check upon this practice.

The hotel keeper is now warned that until the guest has been duly entered upon the police register, he will be held responsible for any breach of the law which such a guest may commit.

GERMAN GAS FROM ENGLISH COAL.

36 PER CENT. INCREASE.

BERLIN, Saturday.

English coal continues to gain ground in Germany. A return of the fourteen biggest municipal gas works throughout Germany shows that these imported 864,262 tons of English coal during the past year, being 53,693 tons more than in 1928.

Thus, while the consumption of German coal by German gas works has decreased by over 2 per cent. in the past two years, German gas works consumption of English coal has increased by more than 36 per cent.

The Berlin gas works last year consumed 400,000 tons of English coal, and Hamburg took 232,000 tons.—Exchange.

SHEFFIELD MISSION IN CHILE.

A GOOD IMPRESSION.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Saturday.

Sir H. Chilton, the British Minister, stated to-day that the Sheffield Industrial Mission which is visiting South America had created a very good impression with the Chilean Government. Mr. Wilson, the Master Cutler, was, said the Minister, a very capable man, and the mission had been well received at Valparaiso.

Mr. Halpin and Mr. Hodgson are flying to Antofagasta on Monday, and will join a ship bound for Peru on Friday. Messrs. Wilson, Hodgson, and Halpin are due to arrive at Liverpool on December 19. Mr. Balfour is returning to San Pablo and Mr. Harrison is going to Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL BANK.

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN IN BALE.

BALE, Saturday.

In view of the meeting of the executive council of the Bank of International Settlements, which takes place on Monday, there were two meetings here to-day of the Governors of the principal national European banks. Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, was among those attending.

The question of the internal organisation of the Bank of Settlements was discussed, as well as the question of an increase in the number of the members of the executive council.—Reuter.

KING ALBERT AND THE LEAGUE.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.

In a message on the occasion of the inauguration of the special propaganda effort in Belgium on behalf of the League of Nations, King Albert writes that it is highly desirable that the League of Nations Union in Belgium shall have a large membership.

He adds that the smaller States, by uniting their efforts, can play a special rôle in the organisation without which civilisation is threatened with destruction.—Exchange.

BLAZING CAR MYSTERY.

MOTORIST CHARGED WITH MURDER.

'PERSON UNKNOWN'

HEDGEROW SEARCH FOR REVOLVER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NORTHAMPTON, Saturday.

At a special court held this afternoon at the headquarters of the Northants County Police, Arthur Alfred Rouse, the London commercial traveller, whose car was found burning near Hardingstone early on Thursday morning with a charred body inside it, was charged before a magistrate with the wilful murder of some person unknown.

Rouse, who replied to the charge, "I am innocent," was remanded until Monday.

Rouse was detained by the police at Hammersmith last night on his arrival as a motor-coach passenger from Cardiff. The Northamptonshire police had been endeavouring to get in touch with him since his car was discovered on fire by the roadside about two miles from Northampton.

QUESTIONED FOUR HOURS.

Following a communication from Scotland Yard, Northamptonshire police officers travelled south to question Mr. Rouse. An interview of over four hours' duration took place at Hammersmith police station. Then, as dawn was breaking, the police car left for Northampton. Mr. Rouse sat with Superintendent Brumby in the back seat, and another police officer accompanied the driver in front.

Superintendent Brumby stated to-day that a piece of trouser was found adhering to a part of the car where the dead man had evidently sat. The cloth was of good quality, probably brown and lavender, and ribbed.

"We shall be glad," said Superintendent Brumby, "to hear of any person missing from his home in London or the neighbourhood since last Wednesday." He added that the dead man was probably 5 ft. 7 in. or 5 ft. 8 in. in height and fairly well built.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

Mr. C. H. Davis, coroner for Mid-Northamptonshire, to-day formally opened the inquiry into the death of the person whose remains were found in Rouse's car.

The inquest was opened in the Crown Inn, Hardingstone, not 200 yards from the place where the blazing car was found.

Swearing in the jury, the coroner said: "You are here to inquire into the death of a person whose sex is unknown. I do not propose to call any evidence whatever to-day, and I shall adjourn the inquest sine die. When I require your attendance, you will have three days' notice.

"Certain developments have occurred. After consultation with the county police I have come to the conclusion that it would not be proper that I should call any evidence to-day or pursue the inquest further. It is impossible for me to fix a day for the adjourned inquest."

The jurors were then bound over to appear at the Court when summoned to do so.

Immediately after the dismissal of the jury, but before they had left the room, the coroner said, "I now understand that I have made a mistake. A post-mortem examination was made by the pathologist, Dr. Shaw, and another doctor. They both agreed that the body is that of a male."

Dr. Shaw is pathologist to the Northampton General Hospital. After the inquest he made a further examination of the remains, lasting for three hours. It is understood that his purpose was to discover, if possible, the cause of death.

After Dr. Shaw had made his second examination he had a consultation with the police. Certain organs were removed from the body and taken to the county police-station, where, I understand, they will be further examined.

This afternoon the police began a search in the grass and hedges beside the road where the car was found. It is understood that they were searching for a revolver and a bullet.

ROYAL ART TRUSTEE.

PRINCE OF WALES AND NATIONAL GALLERY.

The Prince of Wales will take his seat for the first time as a Trustee of the National Gallery on Tuesday, when he will attend the monthly private meeting.

Sir Robert Witt, Chairman of the Trustees, will preside, and other Trustees who are expected to be present to welcome the Prince include Sir Joseph Duveen, Lord Crawford, Lord Bathurst, Sir Philip Sassoon, and Sir Herbert Cook.

The Prince was made a Trustee early in the summer, but up to now he has not had an opportunity to attend a Trustees' meeting.

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POLITICAL NOTES

SHIPLEY—AND AFTER.

LABOUR AND SAFEGUARDING.

"L.G.'s" QUANDARY.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The Government is as a man sinking under mortal disorders, but who may linger on for weeks and even months. Its condition has changed for the worse during the past week, for the Shipley result, coming on the top of the municipal elections, is clear indication that even in the industrial districts, in which Labour's electoral strength mainly lies, the growing tide which was with it in May of last year is now in rapid ebb. A majority of 4,961 in May of last year has been turned into a minority of 1,665, and if Shipley is a reliable index of the run of public opinion in Yorkshire and Lancashire, a good many of the Labour members from those counties must feel themselves in a vulnerable position.

Shipley gives strong support to the view, more than once expressed in this column, that acceptance of Safeguarding as an immediate remedial measure is spreading rapidly in trade-union circles. Protection of the home market is, of course, the logical corollary of trades-unionism, but it has needed an acute and prolonged depression of industry to bring home to the workers, nourished in the Cobdenite gospel, the fallacy of one-sided Free Trade. With the fresh impetus that the Shipley election will give to the movement, we may yet see an attempt on the part of the Labour Government to steal the Conservative clothes by making an all-round tariff a plank in their platform. There are more Ministers than Mr. J. H. Thomas who are open to conviction on the principle of Safeguarding, and even the Prime Minister may, in C.-B.'s phrase, "find salvation." Of course, Mr. Snowden will fight such a development tooth and nail, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer is losing his hold on his party so steadily that he does not seem likely to open another Budget.

Liberal Troubles.

There has never been a party so given to the wasteful dissipation of its energies, so anxious to parade its public and private quarrels, as the Liberals of to-day. They held a meeting on Monday to determine their position as regards the Conservative Unemployment motion, and it was understood that they were going to abstain from the division. In the end, however, Sir John Simon, Sir Robert Hutchison, the Chief Whip of the party, and one or two others went into the Conservative lobby; while about the same number supported the Government. Sir John Simon took the sensible view that the Liberals are in danger of carrying the policy of helping the Government to the point of subservience, and that in that way will lose their effectiveness.

Mr. Lloyd George is evidently in a quandary. He is finding it impossible to get any definite understanding with the Prime Minister either in regard to his Unemployment plans or in regard to electoral reform, and he is asking himself to what end should he continue to play the benevolent friend of the Government. Still, if he decides to call a halt, can he carry with him that portion of his party whose chief concern is to avoid an election that may send them hopeless into the desert.

In the matter of electoral reform the Prime Minister is unable to do any deal, for the rank and file of the party are very satisfied with things as they are, and do not want any "reform" that would possibly imperil their seats at the next election. But on general principles he is disinclined to have any sort of relations with the Liberal leader, even though his obstinacy in that respect may threaten the existence of his Government.

The Case for Respite.

The one thing that gives the Government respite is the assembly of the Indian Conference, for it would be awkward, to say the least, to have a Ministerial crisis during its progress. While it lasts we must all hang together, even if we deliberately expose a not very satisfactory period of our politics to the critical eyes of our Oriental visitors. Moreover, it is well that the handling of the matter should be in the hands of a Labour Government, for providing they follow the broad lines of national policy, they will not be hampered by nagging criticism from the Opposition benches, whereas with the position reversed the Little Englanders, the self-styled "Friends of India," and the like, would be constantly and mischievously vocal.

Lord Hailsham.

Since his departure from the Woolsack Lord Hailsham has been rather in the background, but his forceful speech at the Conservative meeting has shown how effective he can be as a public speaker, and his friends are anxious that he should stir and stump it a bit on the platform in support of the Party. By way of a send-off, he is to be entertained by the United Club on the 26th, when the chair will be filled by Sir Boyd Merriman, the ex-Solicitor-General.

The Giant Cunarder.

While Mr. Snowden continues to turn a deaf ear to the proposals for a large-scale loan in relief of unemployment, he is willing to provide credit cover for schemes of a more modest nature. A case in point is the insurance of the construction on the Tyne of the new giant Cunarder, which will be before the House of Commons to-morrow. While the probable cost of the vessel is placed at £4,500,000, it is believed that a much higher figure will be involved. Many thousands of men in this depressed shipyard area will, however, be provided with work; and the demand for steel construction in different parts of the Scottish output will be considerable. Contrary to certain public statements no decision has been reached regarding the second vessel; but opinion hints that it will be constructed on the Tyne, especially as certain of the insurance and other arrangements are already associated with that area.

The practical point in to-morrow's debate is the substantial part of the risk which, on certain premium terms, will be covered by the Government. They will make it plain that they are not entering into competition in the ordinary insurance market; that if the market had been willing to absorb so large a proposition there would have been no call for Government action; and that the Government intervenes merely because outside cover is incomplete, and because of the urgency of providing work. On these points Unionists and Liberals will doubtless wish to be assured; but the financial resolution is certain to be adopted, probably without dissent.

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LORD THOMSON'S WILL.

MADE TWO DAYS BEFORE R101 DISASTER.

SHEET OF MINISTRY NOTEPAPER.

The will of Lord Thomson, the Air Minister, who was killed in the disaster to the airship R101 at Beauvais, was proved yesterday.

Made on a sheet of Air Ministry notepaper, and dated October 3, two days before the disaster, the will reads:—

> In the event of my death during the flight of R101 to and from India, or as result thereof, I bequeath everything of which I die possessed—cash, shares, chattels, and papers—to my brother, Colonel Roger Gordon Thomson, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Springhill, Widdington, near Newport, Essex.

The value of Lord Thomson's estate has been sworn at £1,737, with net personalty £1,646.

Other wills on page 19.

CABINET CRISIS DENIED.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

The following statement was issued from 10, Downing Street yesterday:—

The Prime Minister has been informed over the telephone at Chequers that a London paper publishes this morning statements regarding the attitude of three of his colleagues in the Cabinet to the recently published Liberal memorandum on unemployment.

He authorises a statement to be made that the suggestion that the Cabinet are divided on this issue is quite untrue; moreover, neither by personal representations nor by letter from any quarter has such a communication as is indicated in the newspaper been made to him, and the first he had heard of it was when he was informed of the publication of the article by telephone.

Mr. Philip Snowden, in an interview yesterday, said:—

"The story which appears in certain newspapers this morning about a Cabinet split on the Lloyd George proposals is a deliberate invention from beginning to end. There is not an atom of truth in the statement, nor a shadow of foundation for any of the references made to myself. It is not difficult to trace the source of this concoction, nor to understand its purpose. It is deplorable that any newspaper should lend itself to such disreputable practice."

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, one of the three Ministers mentioned in the article referred to, was invited to make a statement. He replied: "I know nothing of this alleged crisis, and I feel certain that my other colleagues know nothing about it."

Mr. Baldwin's speech at Ashridge College and other political speeches made last night are reported on page 18.

THE OUSTRIC BANK.

NOT "TECHNICALLY BANKRUPT."

PARIS, Saturday.

The tribunal of Commerce this afternoon heard M. Oustric, managing director of the Oustric Bank—the recent failure of which was the central factor in the Bourse crisis—and M. Paradis, Chairman of the Bank.

As a result of their statements the Court granted the Bank the benefit of the procedure known as judiciary liquidation. This involves the examination of assets and liabilities, and a pro-rata settlement, but does not declare the Bank as technically bankrupt.—Reuter.

An Exchange message stays the Tribunal appointed M. Oendling as Judge Commissioner and MM. Planque and Prevost as Provisional Liquidators.

HIGH THAMES TIDE.

RADIO WARNING OF ITS APPROACH.

BASEMENT TENANTS ORDERED OUT.

NEW POWER STATION WORK DAMAGED.

Memories of the Thames flood disaster in January, 1928, when a number of people were trapped in their beds and drowned, were awakened yesterday by a broadcast warning, at the request of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, of the approach of a high tide in the Thames.

At Southend the tide reached the danger level, and the B.C.C. warning, to which the public were asked to pay special attention, was issued at the conclusion of the mid-day musical programme.

The steady rise of the river in London was watched with anxiety by large crowds which assembled at Blackfriars Bridge and all along the Embankment. At high tide, at 2.58 p.m., the water was level with the Embankment pavement. At the Temple Pier the steps were submerged.

The water threatened to flood streets in the Westminster and Lambeth areas, and tenants in basements of houses in Grosvenor Road were warned to leave. Firemen and special police reserves were called to guard the banks. The water trickled through cracks in the wall and was thrown over the wall by the wash of passing tugs, and some flooding was experienced in Grosvenor Road at the junction with Atterbury Street. Tugs passing under Westminster Bridge had only a few inches to spare.

Alarm was caused at Battersea near the site of the new power station now in course of erection. Forty steel piles sunk in connection with the formation of a dam on the river side of the site were displaced and partially collapsed.

When the water receded with the fall of the tide, piles toppled over and some damage was done to the excavation work in consequence of their collapse.

The Minister of Health has decided to call a conference of all interested bodies to consider the question of co-ordinating all activities relating to Thames flood prevention in the tidal portion of the river.

20,000 PEOPLE IN DANGER.

TROOPS FIGHT FLOOD.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Floods occasioned by the excessively high level of the River Oder continue to be a source of great anxiety for hundreds of villages.

The Oder, in normal times a stately stream, is now a vast rushing torrent, tearing up roads on its course and spreading for miles. Frankfort itself as yet has been spared, though the water has reached the tops of six spans of the well-known bridge, but hundreds of soldiers, firemen and volunteers have to work day and night to strengthen the Oder dam. If this were to burst there would be a catastrophe in the imperilled section of the town inhabited by 20,000 people. The river fell slightly during the night, but further rain, which seems imminent, may raise it again at any moment.

The old Prussian fortress town of Kuestrin, some miles nearer the sea, is in an even worse condition, for the Oder is joined there by its important tributary the Warthe, which is bringing down further floods that the Oder cannot carry away. Kuestrin is surrounded on three sides by floodwater, and its fate depends on whether the dams stand the strain.

Many small villages and numberless farms are under water or menaced, but the danger was foreseen and the people could be removed in time, so that up to the present there has been no loss of life.

SEINE RISING.

PARIS, Saturday.

As a result of the recent heavy rains the Seine and its tributaries are steadily rising. The authorities are vigilant but not alarmed.—Reuter.

WHY WINTER SHELL ?
BECAUSE
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TEN HARD YEARS AHEAD.

MR. BALDWIN'S CALL TO YOUTH.

THE NEW HOPE.

PROTECTING THE HOME MARKET.

Mr. Baldwin, in a speech at Ashridge College last night, spoke of the new hope for industry to be found in the programme of the Conservative party. Mr. Baldwin uttered an emphatic warning that if the country were to go on as it was doing under the Socialists there was nothing but disaster and ruin before it.

On the other hand, the new proposals of the Conservative party for protecting home industry and stimulating our export trade gave a new hope for industry, the stimulus for which the country was waiting. Mr. Baldwin gave a rousing call to the young men of industry and young industries of the country to go forth and conquer the world with new methods and new inventions.

Mr. Baldwin was a guest at the first dinner of the Ashridge Fellowship. Nearly 250 old students attended from all parts of the country. The work of the college, Mr. Baldwin said, had been a triumphant success.

"Our Export trade," Mr. Baldwin said, "has been hit in many ways, but perhaps in two ways more than any other. First, we are practically the only country to keep an open and free market for the surplus mass production of the world. Secondly, more than any other country our industries are suffering from an appalling burden of taxation which has been so light-heartedly put upon them with additional force during the last eighteen months.

"Whatever has happened at home the export trade of the world is increasing. Since 1913 our export trade has diminished by 16 per cent. This would not be an alarming feature if other countries showed the same peculiarity, but they do not.

"The world has increased its export trade by 21 per cent.;

"The United States have increased theirs by 64 per cent.;

"Italy by 32 per cent.; and

"Czechoslovakia by 35 per cent.

"So you have the phenomenon that in a world where export is increasing rapidly we, who always prided ourselves on being a great export country, are going back fast. One of the causes is that our competitors have been consolidating their manufactures behind a tariff wall. Another is that for the bulk of our trade we are dependent upon universal necessities with which we used to provide the world.

DANGEROUS POSITION.

"It is a significant fact that no fewer than £305,000,000 out of our £520,000,000 of export trade are comprised in the categories of cotton, wool, iron and steel, and coal. That is a dangerous position. In all those commodities our competitors have been and are rapidly making themselves independent of us.

"During the years of her neutrality in the War the United States gained hand over fist the markets which, up to the War, we had held without difficulty. Other nations have resolved to make themselves independent of us, or, if they can, of any other country.

"In the export of machinery of all kinds the United States, in three years ending in 1928, increased her exports of £75,000,000 to over £100,000,000. Germany leaped up from £32,000,000 to £50,000,000, while our trade crawled up from £48,000,000 to £58,000,000. It is a lamentable showing.

"The older industries can never look again for the times they have enjoyed in the past in exports. It will be a harder struggle. That is all the more reason why in the Home market they should be buttressed and sustained by Protection. (Cheers.) That at least can give them a fair share of the home markets, and if that enables them to render the best and work full time, if the leaders of industry are so minded, they may then compete on equal terms instead of with their hands tied behind their backs throughout the whole world. (Cheers.)

REDUCE TAXATION.

"It is in the new industries that our future lies. All industrial countries, and especially the United States, have been developing the newer industries and getting ahead of us. It is all the more reason why we should devote our attention to the technical education and study of our people and negotiate with the Dominions for the security of the Empire markets. (Cheers.)

"Above all, taxation must be reduced. There are few leaders in the Labour Party who, if they were not dominated by their own tail, would not acknowledge that the burdens on industry have taken the heart out of our people. It is all very well for the Prime Minister to say that industrialists are letting opportunities go. They have no chance. Industries cannot develop unless they have money to do it and hope for the future. We are met by the parrot cry that reducing taxation will mean taking care of the rich at the expense of the poor.

"Economically what this country suffers from more than anything is want of capital. The reduction of taxation is essential; for new industries Protection is essential. We must have our home market as our background.

WORLD TO CONQUER.

"From that we must, like our ancestors, go forth and conquer the world. But it will be a much harder world to conquer. Our ancestors did not know what competition was. We have got to illustrate the survival of the fittest. (Cheers.) But are we the fittest?

"We are told that under Protection our industrialists will stand down and do nothing. If they do that, then the end of this country is assured. But I do not believe they are such fools or knaves. (Cheers.)

"I believe it will give the stimulus everyone in this country is waiting for. It will give industrialists the first flicker of hope they have had since the war. The future depends upon them and on the young men in industry. New industries, new methods, new inventions are the call to them. They have got their chance. Let them take it with both hands. No one will shout more heartily for them than I when I am sitting in a well-earned retirement, though not in the immediate future. (Laughter and cheers.)

A HARD STRUGGLE.

"It is going to be a thundering hard job for this country in the next ten years. The last eighteen months have made our job infinitely harder. The man who tells you Protection or anything else will bring prosperity and high wages in six months is telling you a lie. It is going to be a hard struggle.

"If we go on as we are, there is nothing but disaster and ruin before the country, but under the proposals we are putting forward we shall have new hope. Given hard work on the part of everybody in the country, master and man alike, given freedom from industrial conflicts, I have no doubt that we shall move towards a much more prosperous state of things which in time may become prosperity.

"But if you are inclined to shout about immediate prosperity take warning by the fate of Mr. Hoover in the United States. But I am convinced that if everyone sets to work backing up our policy and sets to work in industry with the new hope that the tariff will give them, with a new vision and idealism, we can lead this country from these dark days into something better and happier."

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SENTENCE ON SOCIALISTS.

"TO BE OUT OF OFFICE IN SIX MONTHS."

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S PREDICTION.

Sir Samuel Hoare, M.P., speaking yesterday at a conference at Leeds of the Yorkshire Federation of Women's Conservative and Unionist Associations, said: "The Government which is in office to-day will not be the Government in six months' time. We Unionists can say now, at any rate, that we are a solidly united party behind our leader, and we are solidly united behind our programme."

As a party, Sir Samuel continued, the Conservatives were pledged to impose an emergency tariff upon foreign manufactured imports. The situation was far too serious to admit of any delay, and an emergency tariff would give British industry a breathing space during which a Conservative Government would make their more complete preparations for the future.

SHIPLEY "ANOMALY."

Sir Herbert Samuel, with Lady Samuel, gave a reception last night at their home in Porchester Terrace to the European delegates attending the second International Conference of Young Liberal Societies. Referring to the result of the Shipley by-election, Sir Herbert said that he had no doubt that foreign observers visiting England must find it difficult to understand English politics.

"This is the only country in Europe," he declared, "which still retains a method which allows such ridiculous electoral anomalies. It permits in the Shipley election a vote of nearly two to one against Safeguarding and yet the election of a member to Parliament to vote in its favour.

"It would permit—and the possibility is not a distant one—at the next General Election a majority of one, two, or three million votes in the country in favour of Free Trade and the majority of 50, 100, or 150 members in the House of Commons against it.

"That would be a great peril to the smooth working of our Constitution. The Liberal Party is strongly advocating an early change in order to obviate that danger."

LAST NIGHT'S PREMIERE.

NEW "THRILLER" AT THE LYCEUM.

By JAMES AGATE.

There can be no middle opinion about "The House of Danger." Judged by the standard of "Sapper," Mr. Edgar Wallace, and any piece of competent play-making, it is childishly inept. Judged by the standard of previous thrillers by Messrs. Jack de Leon and Jack Celestin, it is not good. Judged by the standard of a small boy visiting the play for the first time it is probably quite good.

If one should guess at what one's neighbours thought, the play makes a fair entertainment. If one should give one's own opinion, I shall say that this play confirms Professor Jeans's view that a mathematical conception of the universe allows for another dimension in which cause does not produce effect and effect follows no cause.

The plot was a farrago of absurdity. There were a masked villain, failing to conceal the silky voice of the principal actor, radium-thieves, mysterious colonels, sliding shutters, electrical devices, and candlesticks which, being removed from their mantelpiece, hurled the removers into a pinkly glaring grave. In a word, the hocus-pocus which betrays complete lack of imagination beyond that of "props" and the stage-carpenter.

Mr. Dennis Neilson-Terry indulged throughout in his familiar orgy of persiflage. "Your tongue has a bad coat," declared the bogus doctor. "I must see my tailor about it!" retorted Mr. Neilson-Terry. I take this as a fair example of some hundreds of similar scintillations. Miss Mary Glynne crept under sofas nicely. But the rest of the cast had not much chance, Mr. Lyn Harding being reduced to glowering glumly behind an ambush of beard.

The truth of the matter is that serious criticism of such enterprises as this cannot be attempted. Can Mr. Neilson-Terry and Miss Glynne carry nonsense to success though their personal relation with an audience which obviously likes them? The applause at the end was not more than tepid, and one felt that hardly any of it was, or could be, intended for the play.

NAVY AND TRADE.

AN "ATLANTIC NIGHT" TRIBUTE.

Vice-Admiral Frederic C. Dreyer, deputy chief of the Naval staff of the Cunard fleet, speaking last night at the London Press Club, at an "Atlantic night" dinner, referred to the rôle which the Navy played, in conjunction with the Mercantile Marine, in keeping open 80,000 miles of Empire trade routes.

On those routes £4,400,000,000 worth of goods were carried, and for that the country paid in the upkeep of the Navy an insurance premium which a gentleman at the Admiralty had kindly worked out for him as .134 of 1 per cent.

Sir Arthur Rostron, commodore of the Cunard fleet, said that whatever ship might be built in the future, he believed no other ship would carry on so consistently as the Mauretania had done throughout her existence. On four consecutive voyages from New York to Cherbourg there was only a total difference of ten minutes in the duration of the voyages.

LATE NEWS

EAST END BLAZE.

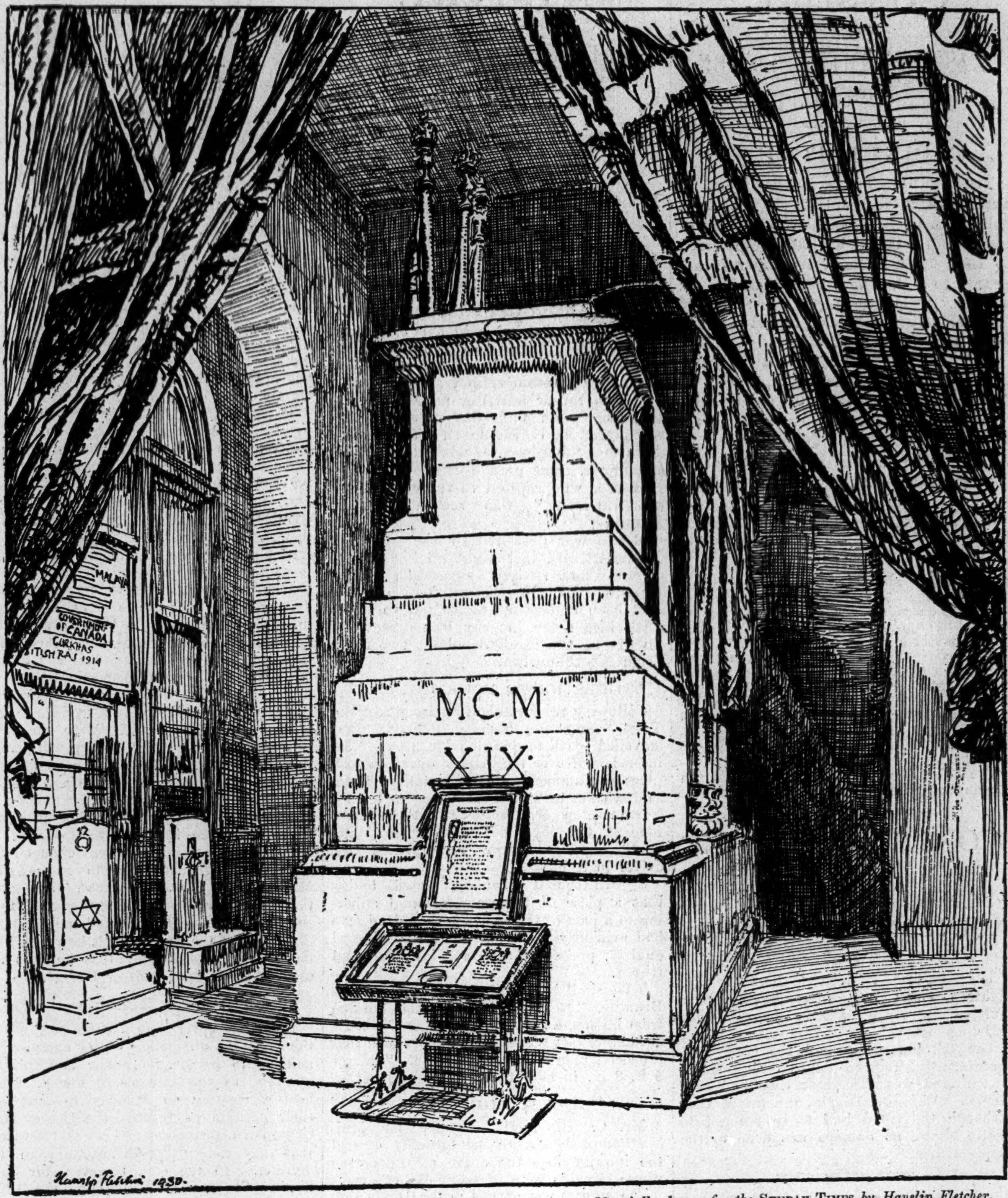
A fire occurred shortly before midnight in Aldgate Avenue, off Aldgate High Street, London, in premises used as a general warehouse and workshops.

The contents on the ground floor were damaged by fire, and upstairs rooms were damaged by water. The fire brigade soon had the outbreak under control.

MAID OF HONOUR TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

A Reuter message from Grahamstown, South Africa, this morning, announced the death there of Elizabeth von Issenderss, who for eight years was maid of honour to Queen Victoria. She was 89.

THE ORIGINAL CENOTAPH.



[*Specially drawn for the* SUNDAY TIMES *by Hanslip Fletcher.*

A corner of the Imperial War Museum showing a portion of the original Cenotaph which was set up in wood and plaster in Whitehall in 1919. It was at the foot of this temporary structure that the first of the yearly observances of Armistice Day took place. With it are the six flags used in that celebration.

NEW LORD MAYOR.

INSTALLATION AT GUILDHALL.

SIR W. WATERLOW'S FAREWELL.

With the customary ceremonies Sir William Phené Neal was yesterday installed as Lord Mayor of London.

After lunching at the Mansion House, Sir William Waterlow left in state for the Guildhall to preside over the Court of Aldermen as Lord Mayor for the last time. Sir William Phené Neal went to the Guildhall privately, in accordance with the old custom of Lord Mayors Elect.

After Sir William Waterlow had said farewell, he, the Lord Mayor Elect, and the Aldermen and high officers went in procession from the Court to the Great Hall. Here Sir William Waterlow surrendered the principal seat to his successor in office, after the latter had taken the oath and signed the roll.

The City sceptre, the seal, the sword, and the mace were presented by the high officers to Sir William Waterlow, and handed by him to Sir William Phené Neal, who afterwards returned them to the officials. When the transfer of the insignia had been completed the new Lord Mayor returned to the Mansion House in the State coach, occupying the seat of honour with Sir William Waterlow.

Sir William Phené Neal has taken up his residence at the Hotel Metropole.

This has been necessitated by the alterations that are being carried out at the Mansion House. During his stay at the Hotel Metropole, which for the time being will be an unofficial Mansion House, he will occupy several rooms for himself and his staff.

Details of to-morrow's Lord Mayor's Procession, including route and time-table, will be found on page 23.

CANADIAN DEPORTEES.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A HOSPITAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOLTON, Saturday.

A difficulty has arisen regarding the two Bolton women, Mrs. Alice Ainsworth and Miss Alice Gorton, who are now in Townley's Hospital, the Bolton Poor Law institution, after deportation from Canada on the grounds of epilepsy.

Following a semi-official announcement from Montreal that the Canadian authorities are willing to receive back women into the Dominion, the women say they would rather stay in Bolton than go back to Canada if a return involves going again into hospital there.

Mrs. Ainsworth told me to-night that she entered Woodstock Hospital, Ontario, after repeated requests by a Welfare Society. She alleged that the hands of women patients were pulled behind their backs while they were "smacked in the face for making complaints." Women were also locked in a room and "pummelled," and it was "all bed and work."

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL.

Princess Helena Victoria opened yesterday at Muswell Hill the new Woodside Nerve Hospital, which has been erected by the Governors of St. Luke's Hospital.

The new hospital, which is to be exclusively devoted to the care of nervous cases, is of an entirely new type. It cost £130,000, and will accommodate over fifty patients.

CRICKETER'S ILLNESS.

W. H. Whysall, the Notts and England cricketer, who is in Nottingham Hospital suffering from blood poisoning, was stated last night to be "very ill indeed." Doctors were in constant attendance at his bedside.

KETCH FOUNDERS IN A GALE.

CREW'S PERILOUS EXPERIENCE.

SHIRTS BURNED AS FLARES IN DARK.

The ketch Emily Priscilla foundered in the Bristol Channel yesterday. Bound from Cardiff to Bristol, the ketch and another ketch were in tow when, with heavy seas running, the former grounded on a sandbank.

The captain and crew of two jumped into a small boat, which was smashed by heavy seas. They struggled into a boat put out by the second ketch, and were rescued after a perilous experience.

The chief engineer on the steamer which was towing the ketches said that the seas had been washing the decks of the boats for hours, and the Emily Priscilla was swamped by mountainous seas. "We hacked the two ropes away," he said, "to prevent our ship being dragged down with them."

The three men on the Emily Priscilla jumped into the small boat, and just managed to float it as the vessel went down. The boat was too small to float in such tempestuous seas, and was battered. Fortunately for the shipwrecked men, the small boat of the second ketch was close at hand, and with great difficulty they were dragged on board.

"The second boat was then faced by a new peril because of the darkness. They lost touch with the steamer and were drifting about in the open seas. We lit flares in the hope of attracting attention from the shore, and were drifting about for three hours, when we saw a flare which had been produced by the men setting fire to their shirts."

FIGHT IN A BRITISH SHIP.

CHINESE ATTACK OFFICERS

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK,
Saturday.

Six men were injured to-day on board the British freighter Irisbank, which had been scheduled to leave for China and Japan when several Chinese members of the crew attacked the officers in the engine room.

Police were rushed to the ship and reached the dock after the fighting had been quelled.

The local hospital sent an ambulance and a surgeon who gave first aid treatment to the injured on board. The injured include John Masterson, second engineer; Alexander Bean, senior engineer, and Henry Jeffrey, third engineer.—Exchange.

[The Irisbank is a Belfast vessel of 5,626 gross tonnage, belonging to the Bank Line.]

"REDS'" RIOT IN CANADA.

MILITIA READY TO ACT.

HAMILTON (ONTARIO), Saturday.

Following a pitched battle between the police and a forbidden parade of Communists last night, in which many minor injuries were received both by the police and the demonstrators, and eight arrests were made, it is disclosed to-day that there has been a theft which is attributed to the "Reds" of a small quantity of arms and ammunition stored at a local warehouse. The weapons were part of the defence supply stored during the Great War.

The local militia are prepared to supplement the police forces in the event of any other forbidden parades. Similar precautions have been taken in other Canadian cities with a view to the stern suppression of "Red" activities, which are taking advantage of the unemployed situation with threats of violence.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS.

SLOW PROGRESS AT GENEVA.

A SOVIET SNEER.

GENEVA, Saturday.

The Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations rejected this morning the first paragraph of the German Amendment dealing with trained reserves, which proposed, among other points, that "in each contracting State having the conscription system, the annual contingent and the total period of service which the annual contingent should be compelled to serve should not exceed a figure accepted by each of the Contracting Parties."

Only six delegations voted in favour of the German Amendment. They were Norway, Sweden, Holland, Soviet Russia, China, and Germany. Twelve voted against, including France, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Little Entente, and Japan. The British, American, and Canadian delegations abstained from voting.

Polish and British proposals were then considered. The former suggested, inter alia, the limitation of the conscripts' maximum period of service to a specified number of months, and the latter that it should be limited to a specified number of days.

LITVINOFF'S SPEECH.

During discussion of the Polish Amendment, Litvinoff (Russia) said the reduction of the period of service would not contribute to the limitation and reduction of armaments and added that in view of the decisions of the Committee thus far, it could not be expected that the work of disarmament would advance very considerably.

The meeting of the heads of the delegations interested in the question of Naval effectives proved abortive. But the search for a formula of a nature to conciliate the divergent views on the subject continues, and the matter will be taken up again on Monday.—Reuter.

ENGLISH PLANE IN A GALE.

12 PASSENGERS HELD UP.

PARIS, Saturday.

It is learned from Le Bourget that an English aeroplane making the service between London and Paris with twelve passengers, was obliged to come down at Louvres (Seine et Oise) to-day on account of the bad weather. The aeroplane will continue its flight to Paris to-morrow.

A number of other mail aeroplanes were unable to reach Le Bourget for the same reason, and had to come down in the country.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Japan arrived yesterday at Estoril, the winter resort near Lisbon.

In future actors and actresses on the staff of the Comédie Française will not be allowed to appear in talking pictures.

Paris Louvre Museum was visited by over 500,000 people last year, and the Palace at Versailles received 304,000 visits.

Peter Kreuder, the tenor, died suddenly yesterday after completing his role in "Rheingold" in the Hamburg Opera House.

Communist plans to organise demonstrations in Bulgaria in celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the Soviet Revolution failed completely.

Cardinal Mistrangelo, Archbishop of Florence, the noted scholar, has died at the age of 78 years. There are now ten vacancies in the Sacred College.

Finding her husband lying dead in their kitchen-garden following a seizure, Mme. Prevost, wife of a farmer at Levet, near Bourges, fainted and expired by his side.

GERMAN GUEST AT WAR DINNER.

NO OPPOSITION FROM LORD ALLENBY.

A MISAPPREHENSION.

The attitude of Field-Marshal Lord Allenby towards the entertainment by the 53rd Welsh Division of General Freiherr Kress von Kressenstein, who commanded the Turkish forces against the Division in Palestine, was made clear in a statement to the SUNDAY TIMES last night. Some misapprehension has arisen in regard to the Field-Marshal's view on this matter.

General Kress von Kressenstein was the guest of honour at the Division's annual dinner in London on Friday night, and was given a cordial reception as an ex-enemy who fought in a fair and soldierly way.

"When I was asked if I had any objection to the invitation going forward," Lord Allenby said, "I replied, 'No. You have a perfect right to entertain whom you like to dinner.'

"I was asked further if I objected to 'fraternisation' with ex-enemies, and I replied, 'Nothing of the sort.' That is the position, and you have my authority to make these facts known. I was unable to attend the dinner owing to a previous engagement, and wrote expressing regret at my inability to be present."

"MEN WHO KEPT OUT OF THE WAR."

GENERAL ON CENOTAPH WREATHS ORDER.

Brigadier-General A. B. Hubback, speaking to members of the 20th Battn. London Regiment Old Comrades' Association in London last night, referred to the Government's appeal to foreign representatives not to place wreaths on the Cenotaph on the occasion of official visits to this country.

"Among the leaders responsible for the issue of that decision," General Hubback said, "are certain men who managed to keep out of the war very carefully. That is possibly the reason why they wish to eradicate the memories of the war."

N.Y.K. PASSES ITS DIVIDEND.

FAMOUS STEAMSHIP LINE.

OSAKA, Saturday.

The board of directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company has decided to pass the dividend this year for the first time in the history of the company.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company controls ninety-four ships of 605,823 gross tonnage, being the leading Japanese shipping company.—Reuter.

The SUNDAY TIMES Berlin correspondent states that it is reported on the Berlin Bourse that the Krupp firm at Essen will pay no dividend on the year's working ended September 30. This practice has been followed for several years, the profits being put into the business again.

In previous years the working net profit was £345,000, but it is anticipated that it will be less this year owing to trade depression.

U.S. ELECTIONS SEQUEL.

THE NEXT BID FOR "PROSPERITY."

HOOVER v. MORROW

THE COMING BATTLE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

The elections have left the Republicans and Democrats in Congress evenly divided, and deprived Mr. Hoover of that clear majority which is necessary for legislative purposes. The new Congress, however, does not meet until December of next year, and meantime the Democratic leaders have pledged themselves to lay aside all partisanship, and to work with the Republicans to restore prosperity.

To this end the Democratic leaders have promised that they will not seek a general revision of tariff, but will be content "to rid the present Act of its outstanding enormities" as one step in restoring a proper economic balance, and in recovering the markets of the world now being lost through foreign resentment and retaliation.

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS.

Political conditions in the United States to-day are chaotic. The latest counting of votes indicates that the Republicans still appear to hold a majority of one in both Houses, a state of affairs which must discourage any effort, whether of domestic or of international importance, unless both Parties are agreed in advance on the line of policy to be pursued.

Plans are now being made to boom Governor Roosevelt as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States in 1932. Mr. Roosevelt's record as Governor of New York State stands very high. He is personally popular, and the tremendous majority by which he defeated his Republican opponent, Mr. Charles Tuttle, makes him an impressive national figure.

THE ENIGMA OF 1932.

Both political forces are now going into close training for the Presidential struggle in 1932. Prohibition may be the leading issue. It is not known to-day if Mr. Hoover will succeed himself as candidate for a second term at White House. Much, possibly everything, depends on the state of industry.

To-day there is no sign of any early economic recovery, and the total absence of that prosperity for which the Republicans at the last Election claimed a monopoly. If adversity continues and unemployment increases, it is morally certain that Mr. Dwight Morrow, who achieved a great victory for the Republicans last Tuesday in New Jersey in his contest for a seat in the Senate, will be the Republican champion.

Morrow, it is urged, has a "statesmanlike vision" and a thorough training in Big Business. Before his appointment as Ambassador to Mexico, he was a member of Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company, and for that reason he would probably be denounced by the Democrats as "the candidate of Dollar Diplomacy."

Like Roosevelt, he disclaims Presidential ambitions, but experience here has always shown that in the last emergency, when the National Conventions meet, there are very few men indeed able to refuse the Parties' "call to national service."

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
Saturday.

The King, who was accompanied by the Queen, received the delegates from India to the Indian Round Table Conference and the Advisers and Secretariat, with their wives, in the Throne Room of the Palace this morning.

The delegates were severally presented to Their Majesties by the Right Hon. William Wedgwood Benn, M.P. (Secretary of State for India).

The Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward, and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Grand Duchess Xenia and the Princess Victoria visited the King and Queen and remained to luncheon.

King George of Greece visited Their Majesties this afternoon.

Prince George will be the guest of the evening at the twelfth annual reunion of the R.N.V.R. (Auxiliary Patrol) Club, composed of yachtsmen who served afloat during the war, which will be held at the Hotel Victoria on Friday, November 14.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll will open a bazaar at St. John's Hall, Walham Green, on Friday, November 21, in aid of the Fulham and Chelsea Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade.

King George of Greece will leave London to-day for the Continent.

The Queen of Spain, with the Infanta Maria Christina and the Grand Duke Dimitri, was present at Wyndham's Theatre last night at the performance of Edgar Wallace's play "On the Spot."

The Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven will open the bazaar organised by the Russian Red Cross Society at the American Women's Club on Wednesday. Lady Studd will open the sale on Thursday.

Lady Alice Reyntiens will return to 81, Cadogan Square from Dyneley, Burnley, on December 10.

Lady Winefride Elwes will be in residence at 20, Ennismore Gardens until Christmas.

The Earl of Dalhousie and the Countess of Dalhousie returned yesterday from Brechin Castle to 82, Eaton Square.

The Earl of Bradford returned yesterday to 1, Grosvenor Crescent from the country.

Earl and Countess Jellicoe will arrive to-day at 19, Princes Gardens from the Isle of Wight.

The Earl and Countess of Plymouth return to 15, Hyde Park Gardens this week from Hewell Grange, Redditch.

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough will return to 93, Eaton Square this week from Stansted Park, Emsworth.

Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray will return to-morrow to 54, Mount Street from Cowdray Park, Midhurst.

Viscountess Allendale will arrive to-morrow at 144, Piccadilly from Bywell Hall, Northumberland.

Viscount Lee of Fareham was 62 yesterday, Earl Temple of Stowe 59, Lord Ashfield 56, the Marquess of Bristol 67, and the Bishop of Durham (Dr. Henson) 67.

Lord Kirkley will arrive at Southampton to-morrow from South Africa.

Lord and Lady Rendlesham will sail for Madeira on Friday.

Sir Courtenay and Lady Leucha Warner will leave 34, Grosvenor Gardens on November 27 for Brettenham Park, Suffolk, where they will remain until January.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie left Southampton yesterday in the Franconia for New York.

Sir John Simon, K.C., M.P., and Lady Simon will be the guests of the English-Speaking Union at luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel on November 27. Viscount Burnham will preside.

The engagement is announced of Sir Hugh John Francis Sibthorp Cholmeley, Grenadier Guards, only son of the late Sir Montague Cholmeley, of Easton Hall, Grantham, and of Mrs. W. J. Lambert, 9, Cadogan Gardens, and Miss Cecilia Ellice, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellice, of Ewhurst Manor, Shermanbury, Horsham.

The birth of a son to Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. John Tennant at Gloucester Square, W., is announced.

The wedding of Mr. Hector Stewart and Lady Ursula Chetwynd-Talbot at St. Ethelburga-the-Virgin, Bishopsgate, and other weddings yesterday, are reported on page 24.

FUNERAL.

THE HON. DIANA SKEFFINGTON.

The funeral of the Hon. Diana Elizabeth Margaret Skeffington, only daughter of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, will take place to-morrow at 3 o'clock at Antrim. A memorial service will be held at All Saints' Church, Ennismore Gardens, S.W., at the same hour.

LONDON'S NEW ART CENTRE.

The new season of the Faculty of Arts at Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, opens to-night. The occasion will recall memories among concert lovers of Victorian days.

The rococo decoration of mahogany with mirrors has been changed to the contemporary style, and the sign of the Faculty—the triangle—has been adapted to the modern scheme of decoration.

The designer was Mr. G. P. Catchpole, who worked on original lines.

Sir Arthur H. Crosfield has succeeded Viscount Burnham as President of the Faculty.

BACK TO THE STAGE.

After "retirement from the stage for good and all," two years ago, Enid Stamp-Taylor, the young actress-vocalist, whose successes in "The Punch Bowl" and "R.S.V.P." will be recalled, now announces her return in "Wonder Bar" (the musical play of Continental night-club life that Rowland Leigh is adapting for Andre Charlot) at the Savoy Theatre on December 1.

Miss Stamp-Taylor told a SUNDAY TIMES correspondent last night that she "just couldn't bear to be away from the business any longer. "It was altogether too much for me," she said, "all my girl friends going into this jolly new show, while all I could do was sit in a stall, with a box of chocolates on my knees, and—just feebly look on!"

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SIR WILLIAM WATSON

PROMPT RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

OVER £1,400 RECEIVED.

Sums ranging from one shilling to a hundred pounds, and totalling over £1,400, have already been received by the committee of the Sir William Watson Testimonial Fund, following the appeal issued last week on behalf of the oldest living English poet, who is lying ill in Bath.

Among the most prized letters received from subscribers to the Fund was one from a labourer who is now in receipt of the Old Age Pension.

He enclosed a shilling, and in his letter wished he could have made it more. It was his tribute to a great poet whose poetry, he wrote, had helped him in his struggle with life.

WOMAN'S THANKS.

Donations have come from business girls, bricklayers and representatives of dozens of other callings. A remarkable letter read:—

"A small contribution (10s.) from a Woman-in-the-Street, who knows only two lines of Sir W. Watson's work, but these two lines are priceless:

"—— This begot us?
This is what man in his barbarous youth begot."

"Thanks to the poet, from a Rationalist."

Another subscriber, aged 76, wrote:—

"I thank God that I am still able to get along a scaffold and lay bricks to earn my living yet. I am sorry Sir William has not as useful a trade to all back on in his old age and distress. When I can no longer toil I hope I may fall dead 'ere I come to poor Sir William's plight."

A retired schoolmaster, enclosing "My Mite," wrote:—

"I at times tried to catch a glimpse of my idol and to summon up courage to knock at his door and stammer my thanks for all that his poetry has meant to me."

SIR WILLIAM'S FIRST BOOK.

A copy of Sir William's collected poems which belonged to Ellen Terry and with her signature, and Rossetti's copy of Sir William's first book of poetry, "The Prince's Quest," published in 1880, containing many notes made by Rossetti, have been sent to the fund. Both volumes will be auctioned, either in this country or in America, where bigger prices are likely to be realised.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH ARTISTS.

BANQUET AND PRIVATE VIEW.

At the banquet given by the Royal Society of British Artists on Monday (Mr. P. A. de Laszlo, president, in the chair), the following were among those present:—

The Egyptian Minister, Viscount Devonport, Viscount Ullswater, Viscount Lee of Fareham, Viscount Falmouth, Viscount Allenby, Viscount Dunedin, Lord Aberconway, Lord Wavertree, Sir Maurice de Bunsen, Bart., Sir Courtauld Thomson, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Sir Montague Barlow, Bart., and Sir Robert Witt.

At the Private View of the Royal Society of British Artists held on Tuesday last amongst others the following were present:

Viscount and Viscountess Allenby, Viscount Stopford, Mary Lady Lawrence, Dowager Countess of Darnley, Lady Albemarle, Countess of Carnwath, Earl and Countess Beauchamp, Sir Frederick and Lady Palmer, Sir William and Lady Orpen, Admiral Grant, Sir Percival and Lady Wilkinson, Lady Dorothy Peploe, Lady Elizabeth Matheson, Mons. and Mme. Ladislos de Baidossy, Sir Henry and Lady Page Croft, Sir Charles and Lady Nall-Cain, Lady Harris, Dowager Lady Lewis.

Lord and Lady Sydenham, Lady Chalmers, Lady Laird-Clowes, Sir Robert Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Pirie-Gordon, Lady Salten, and Sir Thomas and Lady Horridge.

INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

MANY ATTRACTIONS AT ITS ANNUAL BALL.

The Infants' Hospital Ball at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on November 20, under the patronage of Princess Mary Countess of Harewood, promises this year to be a more brilliant event than ever.

The Embassy Band will be there with Jack Harris, and a splendid cabaret attraction has been arranged for midnight. Miss Sophie Tucker is among the artistes who are giving their services, also Mr. Raymond Newell, of "The Three Musketeers" fame.

Another interesting feature of the ball is the fact that the lucky number fans, for which beautiful prizes are offered, will be sold during the evening by Miss Fay Compton, Miss Edna Best, Miss Heather Thatcher, Miss Dorothy Boyd, and other leading actresses.

The following will be among those present:—

Lady Louis Mountbatten, the Ranee of Pudakota, Lord and Lady Melchett, Sir Gomer Berry, Bt., Sir Hugo and Lady Hirst, Lord and Lady Camrose, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gamage, Sir David and Lady Llewellyn, Lady Buckland, Sir William and Lady McLintock, Sir Harry and Lady McGowan, Madame de Pena, Dr. Robert Mond, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redles, Sir Reginald Tuck, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gamage, Mrs. Clarence Graff, Mrs. Herman Lebus, Mr. M. S. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ostrer, Mr. Edward Robson, the Hon. Mrs. John Morrison, Dr. and Mrs. Eric Pritchard, Lord and Lady Wakefield, the Marchioness of Queensberry, Mr. Henderson Cleland, Countess Van den Heuval, the Lady Plunkett, Mrs. Van den Bergh, Mrs. Hillier-Holt, Sir Newton and Lady Moore, Col. the Hon. Henry Guest, Lady Manville, Col. Sir Charles Wright, Sir Ernest and Lady Clark, Lady Crosfield, Lady (Edward) Stern, Lady Janet Bailey, Mrs. Geo. Repton, Sir Francis Goodenough, Sir William Noble, Mrs. Clifford Turner, Mrs. C. E. Raphael, Sir Arthur Duckham, Mrs. Trevor Rose, Lady Hodder-Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holmes.

Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Leslie Gamage, 11, John Street, Mayfair, chairman of the Ladies' Association Appeal Committee.

NEW SHIP FOR CLYDE.

The London and North-Eastern Railway Company have placed an order with the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company Ltd., Govan, Glasgow, for a new paddle steamer for their Firth of Clyde service.

The new vessel will be larger than any vessel in their present Clyde fleet.

BISHOP AND LONG FACES.

The Bishop of London, at the dedication of a new parish hall at St. Michael's Church, Golders Green, yesterday, said that they did not want to go about with long faces.

"We must take the starch out of ourselves," he added, "and go about practising brotherhood as well as talking about it."

GATEWAY OF EMPIRE BALL.

Miss Sophie Tucker will take part in the entertainment which is to follow the "Gateway of Empire" gala dinner at the Kit Cat Restaurant on November 25 to raise funds to provide women organisers for Conservative propaganda in Essex and Middlesex. There will also be a dance.

Lady Worthington-Evans and the Ball Committee are holding an "At Home" at Londonderry House, Park Lane, on Wednesday, at 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and cabaret may be obtained from the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss Walker and Miss Mann, Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

OLD LONDON MODELS.

Mr. John B. Thorp, who has been making models of various parts of old London for the past twenty years, is holding an exhibition of Old London at the Golden Cross Hotel, Strand. The show consists of models of Old London Bridge, 1630, and the Lord Mayor's Show of 1616, as well as a large collection of old punishments, including the drunkard's cloak, the rack, the scold's bridle, the burning at the stake, the pillory and stocks, etc., as well as a large collection of prints.

The exhibition opens on Wednesday.

BRITISH MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS.

NOTABLE EGYPTIAN HEAD IN GRANITE.

GIFTS FROM MEXICO.

From A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Among the additions made to the British Museum collections at the meeting held yesterday by the trustees is a greyish granite head of the twelfth Egyptian dynasty (B.C. 2000-1800), which is impressive sculpturally and archæologically unique. The high cheekbones (the left one slightly damaged), the firm lips and chin, and the direct, contemplative eyes, give the head unusual vigour even for a portrait-statue of the period before the decadence.

Its value as a work of art is, however, reinforced by its historical interest, since the style of head-dress shows it to be a private person, while it has hitherto been believed that only the royal house formed the subject of sculpture at this time. It seems possible that the sitter was a noble of sufficient independence to overcome the common modesty of a subject.

VOLTERRA URNS.

A seventh century gold finger ring of Byzantine style, with birds and a cross picked out in the open-work hoop, and the garnet bezel engraved with the heads of a lion and a bull, with a Roman bronze brooch of the second century (found recently buried in the soil near Peterborough) have been added to the British and Mediæval Department, while the Department of Coins has purchased two fine Carthaginian didrachms of the third century.

Greek and Roman antiquities purchased include a number of the crude Etruscan sculptured sarcophagi known as Volterra Urns, of which the Museum has now the largest collection outside Italy. An unusually good specimen of the Middle-Minoan (1800 B.C) painted "egg-shell" ware of the Ægean has been given by Sir Arthur Evans, and Professor C. G. Seligman has presented to the Department of Ceramics and Ethnography a portion of an elephant's tusk ornamented with native carvings, probably from the Sudan. Other gifts to this department are a Chinese saucer dish of the Sung dynasty (960-1279) given by Sir Percival David, and a series of fragmentary Maya frescoes of some period subsequent to the eighth century, which the Mexican Government have presented through the Carnegie Institution of Washington. These come from the excavations at Chichen-Itza.

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A white porcelain figure of the Chinese god of wealth, surrounded by an ingot, a cash, and other symbols, has been purchased, which throws considerable light on the potteries of Tehwa, owing to an inscription which dates its manufacture as 1610. Tehwa pottery continued to be made for four centuries, and the few modifications in the ware have made it difficult to date it.

PRINTS AND DRAWINGS.

The Department of Prints and Drawings has benefited by a number of gifts this month from Mr. Campbell Dodgson, C.B.E., keeper of the department. One is a large woodcut, probably unique, of the arms of Alexander VI. (1492-1503), the Borgia Pope. It is found attached to the original binding of a volume in the library of Prince Lowenstein-Wertheim containing two incunabula (works printed before 1500). Thirteen etchings by the living Dutch artist Bauer are among Mr. Dodgson's further gifts, and the purchases include landscape drawings by Valkenborch, a drawing of a scene in Cairo by E. A. Goodall, and an anonymous sixteenth-century Flemish etching of the Crucifixion.

The approach of the Persian exhibition lends interest to the purchase of three seventeenth-century paintings of the school of Riza Abbasi, two of them with the faces obliterated by orthodox Moslem owners, as well as a calligraphic drawing of a bird with five heads.

Four Japanese colour-prints have been purchased for the Oriental collection, and an additional print by Hokusai has been given by Mr. W. Reynolds-Stephens, President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.

MOTOR-CAR ON BONFIRE.

A bonfire, believed to be the biggest in the country, was lit at Moseley, near Birmingham, last night by Mr. John Lea, a member of the Birmingham City Council. The bonfire caried on a tradition of fifty years, started by Mr. Lea's grandfather.

Standing forty feet high, the pile contained an old motor-car, 500 motor tyres, 100 tons of brushwood, and 75 gallons of oil.

THE ÆOLIAN HALL.

The SUNDAY TIMES understands that through lack of financial support Mr. Ernest Yates is unable to proceed with his musical and Empire Club scheme for the Æolian and this prominent landmark of the musical world is likely to be lost to music and art.

Great interest was taken in the scheme by various musical societies and associations, but it is to be regretted this did not take the form of practical support.

EDUCATION IN CITIZENSHIP.

A twelve-weeks' residential course of instruction in citizenship is to be given at the Bonar Law College, Ashridge, at the beginning of next year. The course is intended to meet the needs of students of both sexes who wish to make a study of the chief problems of citizenship.

Applications for enrolment and full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Bonar Law College, Ashridge, Berkhamsted, Herts.

"ROBERT WILLIAMS."

Caala, a small town in the district of Benguela, Portuguese West Africa, is to be given the name of "Robert Williams." The name has been chosen as a mark of recognition of the valuable work of Sir Robert Williams, the British financier and engineer, in aiding the successful completion of the Benguela railway.

Sir Robert Williams, after studying engineering at Aberdeen, went to Kimberley in 1881, and for twenty years was with Cecil Rhodes. He is managing director of a number of companies, including Tanganyika Concessions, Ltd., the Zambesia Exploring Company, Ltd., and the Rhodesia Katanga Company, Ltd.

BARONET'S LEGACY TO HIS VALET.

"A SERVICE I CAN NEVER REPAY."

HARTOPP TRUST FUNDS.

A substantial legacy to his valet is contained in the will of Sir Charles William Everard Cradock Hartopp, sixth baronet, First Secretary at the British Legation at Teheran. He left estate in his own disposition valued at £116,403, with net personalty £115,785. Subject to a bequest of £1,500 to his mother he left

> All other his property, other than settled funds known as the Hartopp Trust Funds, as to 1-6th to his valet, Granville Owen Sampson, "whom I have known for some years, and who has rendered me a service which I can never repay."

One-half to his mother, and one-third to his sister, Susan Cynthia Frances Drummond. If he should have succeeded to the Hartopp Trust Funds he left, in addition to the above bequests, the following further bequests:—

> £1,000 and a life annuity of £104 to his said valet; £5,000 absolutely, and £15,000 upon trust for his said sister and her issue, a life annuity of £500 to his mother, and the balance upon trust for his uncle, Frederic Cradock Hartopp, for life, with remainder to such son of his said uncle as shall succeed to the baronetcy.

LIBRARIAN'S GIFT TO DUKE.

Formerly librarian and private secretary to the Duke of Portland, Mr. Richard William Goulding left £7,175, with net personalty £5,847. He left

> To the Duke of Portland for the time being "as a small token of the gratitude I feel for the many noble favours shewn to me by William Arthur, 6th Duke of Portland, K.G., during the many years I have had the privilege of serving him," a portrait in pastel of Charlotte Frances Bentinck, Lady Milnes, a portrait in mezzotint of the Marquess of Titchfield, by J. C. Webb, after Reynolds, and certain other portraits and books.

He also left certain portraits to Lord Francis M. D. Cavendish Bentinck.

FOR CANCER RESEARCH.

A contingent bequest of a large sum for cancer research is contained in the will of Mr. John Alfred Wood, of High View Road, Sidcup, who left £64,705, with net personalty £60,981. Subject to certain personal bequests he left the residue of his property to his wife for life, and then for such persons as she might by will appoint. Failing such appointment one-half of the property is left to the Cancer Research Department of the Middlesex Hospital.

A NOTED OXONIAN.

The Rev. Dr. John Richard Magrath, for fifty-two years Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, and a former College Vice-Chancellor, left £10,949, with net personalty, £10,748. He directed that if he should die in England his remains should be buried by the side of those of his late wife in the grave space purchased at Rose Hill Cemetery, Oxford.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
PERCY WRIGHT ANDERSON, of Maida Vale Mansions, Maida Vale, W. (net personalty £66,465)	£67,596
ALFRED JOHN MALCOLM BREWIS, of Granville Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, retired shipowner (net personalty £59,171)	£59,782
MRS. HELEN MARY PAUL, of Fairseat, Malvern (net personalty £37,619)	£39,519
FRANCIS CARLIN, of Englewood Road, Clapham Common, S.W., late Detective-Superintendent of Scotland Yard, and one of the "Big Five" (net personalty £5,710)	£5,821
THE MOST REV. LAURENCE GAUGHRAN, of The Palace, Mullingar, Irish Free State, Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath (personal estate in the Irish Free State) .... In addition to trust property in England valued at £4,060)	£2,817
THE RT. HON. ISABEL MARIAN VISCOUNTESS COMBERMERE, of Cornwall Gardens, South Kensington, S.W., youngest daughter of Sir George Chetwynd, third Bart., and widow of the third Viscount Combermere (unsettled property) (net personalty £1.823)	£2,071

THE SICK LIST.

GRAVE ILLNESS OF DAME MARY SCHARLIEB.

Dame Mary Ann Dacomb Scharlieb, the eminent gynæcologist, who is 85, is lying seriously ill at her London home, and it was stated yesterday that her condition was causing some anxiety.

Dame Mary was one of the first women to enter the medical profession, and, despite her age, patients were, until recently, consulting her at her house.

The Hon. Meriel Lyttelton, daughter of Lord Cobham, who is ill at Hagley Hall, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, with tubercular meningitis, was yesterday stated to have taken a turn for the worse. An operation for transfusion of blood was performed

General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, who was knocked down by a bus while crossing Kensington High Street on Friday, is making satisfactory progress.

Sir Maurice Anderson, hon. physician to the Princess Royal, who was operated on ten days ago, was a little better yesterday.

Better reports were received of the following:—Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston (influenza), Lord Glenarthur, Lord Southampton (injured in hunting accident), Sir John Lavery (operation), Lady Bridport, Earl Beatty, the Dean of Chester (Rev. F. S. M. Bennett), and the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot).

The condition of Dame Nellie Melba, ill on board the liner Cathay, an Adelaide message says, is not considered serious.

SCOTTISH ART COMMISSION.

Mr. A. E. Haswell Miller, M.C., R.S.W., Keeper of the National Galleries of Scotland, has been appointed secretary to the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland in succession to Mr. Stanley Cursiter, O.B.E., A.R.S.A., who has resigned.

HEADMASTER'S NEW POST.

Mr. Hugh Montagu Butler, M.A., Headmaster of Hexham Grammar School, Northumberland, since 1923, has been appointed headmaster of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, in succession to Mr. A. S. C. Barnard, who recently resigned.

Mr. Butler is a son of the late Rev. M. R. Butler, rector of Swanley, Kent, and a cousin of the late Dr. H. M. Butler, Master of Trinity, Cambridge.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., and Lady Wood this week celebrated their silver wedding. To mark the occasion Sir Kingsley's women constituents are holding a gathering at the Parish Hall, Eltham, on Thursday evening; and on Friday, at Woolwich Town Hall, the Conservative Association has arranged a special meeting

Sir Kingsley Wood has represented West Woolwich in Parliament since 1918. He has just been unanimously elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Organisations.

RECTOR AS VILLAIN.

The Rector of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe with St. Ann, Blackfriars (the Rev. J. R. Sankey) has a candid note in his parish magazine for this month about a recent photograph of himself.

"I know I am not beautiful," he writes, "but really I look such a villain in the flashlight photo taken at the opening of the Sunday Club that I fear any applicant who happens to see it may withdraw in fear. As Sheriff's Chaplain I have seen a number of murderers at the Old Bailey, but no one so evil-looking as my face in that picture. I will show a copy of it in private to anyone who will give sixpence towards our Boy Scout Troop."

THE COLD SPELL OVER.

A CLOUDY AND MILD WEEK-END.

SHOWERS IN MOST DISTRICTS.

***ENGLAND.** — Moderate west to south-west winds; cloudy, slight drizzle locally; mild.*

***SCOTLAND.**—Wind south-west to west, fresh or strong, a gale at times locally; mainly cloudy, rain at times; mild.*

***WALES.**—Moderate or fresh west to south-west winds; cloudy, some drizzle and local fog, mild.*

***ENGLISH CHANNEL.**—Wind west to south-west, moderate or fresh; cloudy, local drizzle and mist; sea slight to moderate.*

***AIR PASSAGES.**—South-west to west winds, 5-15 m.p.h. at the surface, 15-25 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet. Fog generally early, occasional drizzle, especially in coastal areas, and some low cloud later. Visibility 500-1,000 yards early, improving slowly to 2,000-4,000 yards.*

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

The spell of fair, cold weather, which most of Britain had enjoyed since Tuesday, broke up on Friday night, when the whole country was swept by the tail end of an intense storm centre travelling from Iceland to Scandinavia. This caused a south-westerly gale, with squalls of between forty-five and fifty miles an hour, in many parts of England, and a general downpour of rain. Over the Greater London area the equivalent of twenty million tons of water came down between 9.30 p.m. and 5 a.m., the fall at Kew being the heaviest since September 6.

Later, yesterday, England and Wales came partially within the control of an extensive anticyclone centred to the south-westward of Ireland. As a result, fairer and quieter conditions set in again during the day, with considerable periods of sunshine in many districts, and little or no rain after the early morning at most places.

A NOTABLE RISE.

A drift of warm air from mid-Atlantic finally ousted the Polar winds that had brought the keen frosts of the previous few days, and temperatures showed a notable rise over the southern and central parts of England. Some of the minimum readings registered around dawn were more than 20 deg. higher than those of Friday, Aldershot, for instance, reporting 48 deg. against 27 deg., and Cardington 47 deg., against 26 deg.

Except in the far North, the afternoon was everywhere genially mild. At 1 p.m. the thermometer at Kew marked 57 deg.—8 deg. above the normal for this date, and higher than on two occasions last July. Over the South-Eastern half of England November has been an unusually bright month so far, many localities having received more than double their ordinary allowance of sunshine. Hampstead's share of 8 hours on Tuesday was 24 minutes greater than that of any November day in the last twenty years.

DIANA'S BABY.

NEW PYGMY HIPPO AT THE ZOO.

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

Until recently the Zoo was slightly disconsolate because it had never been able to breed a pygmy hippopotamus. Now, however, the menagerie can boast of having had two of these creatures born within a few months, for another little pygmy hippo has appeared on the scene

The New Zoo baby has a strong claim to sentimental as well as zoological interest, since the mother animal, Diana, is one of the oldest mammals in the Gardens. She is a delicate creature, and needs careful feeding, yet she was one of the few inmates of the Zoo that managed to survive the lean years of the war. It is 17 years since Diana left Liberia for Regent's Park. She is a well-known favourite, for she is always ready to be fed by hand.

The little pygmy hippo is a male, and has been nicknamed Jack. He is a much smaller specimen than the female born last May, but this is not surprising, as Diana must be at least 25 years of age, whereas the Zoo's other female pygmy hippo is comparatively young. At birth he was quite pink, but he now looks like a shiny black piglet.

HOUSING PROBLEMS.

Both these hippos born in the menagerie have the same father, and as housing accommodation is not too spacious, the arrival of the second youngster made it difficult to arrange for the male to have his daily swim while separated from his two families. Consequently it was decided to let him meet one of his offspring, and as Diana has never been a particularly tolerant wife and would not welcome his assistance in rearing her baby, he was introduced to his first-born. At first the female was not anxious to welcome him, but after giving him one or two bites she decided to let him remain in her den and the trio are agreeing well.

Great care has to be taken to avoid either female hippo seeing her rival's baby, for there has always been ill-feeling between the two animals.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. C. P. Blacker has been appointed general secretary of the Eugenics Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hobson, of Potterspury, Northants, have celebrated their diamond wedding.

Lady Haig was among poppy-sellers in Glasgow yesterday, when more than 180,000 Poppy Day emblems were sold.

Rev. Basil Bourchier will speak on "What is Wrong with our Sport?" at St. Edmund's, Lombard Street, on Wednesday, at 1 p.m.

John Brady, one of the men injured in a motor smash while returning to Belfast from the Armagh coursing meeting, died yesterday.

The Old Foresters' annual dinner will be held on Thursday at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street when the chair will be taken by Mr. J. Keble Guy.

REVOLUTION IN TOYLAND.
BY THE MARQUESS OF DONEGALL.
IN TO-MORROW'S "DAILY SKETCH."

Derrick Geoffrey Ellis (17), an employee at the Victoria and Albert Museum, was bound over at Bromley for stealing £13 10s. from a fellow-member of his sports club.

Many people visited the Loan Exhibition of Period Models at Dudley House, Park Lane, during the week. The exhibition will remain open until November 15.

As two of the eleven streets in London known as New Street are in the St. Marylebone area, the one in Dorset Square is to be renamed Melcombe Street.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to be present at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Poor at Chelsea House on Friday, when H.H. Princess Marie Louise will preside.

The King has approved the appointment of the Rev. Oliver Harry Thomas, Vicar of Ettingshall, to be Vicar of St. Alphege, Greenwich, vacant by the cession of the Rev. F. J. Tackley.

Sir Kingsley Wood will preside at a meeting of the Junior Constitutional Club on Wednesday evening, when Sir Thomas Inskip will deliver an address on "The Repeal of the Trades Disputes Act."

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FOR PERSONAL APPLICATION ONLY

(On right)
This model French Nightie is of beautiful crepe-de-Chine, richly decorated with Racine Lace, which is appliquéd on the silk of the very finest work. Original design with flared skirt. Model in flesh colour only. Usually 7 gns. PRICE 75/-

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A few Examples:

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FRENCH CAMI-KNICKERS of the richest quality crepes-de-Chine, handsomely trimmed with beautiful hand embroidery and the finest drawn threads. Others in triple voile and satins, trimmed exquisite laces and real Vals. These are all so varied that they must be seen to be appreciated. Many worth 4½ gns. PRICE 49/-

Described above on Left.

SALON
SECOND
FLOOR

Described above on Right.

(On left).
The charming Knicker is an example of several beautiful models. Some are trimmed exquisite laces, intricately cut. All are of the finest handwork and richest crepe-de-Chine. Some slightly soiled. Usually 69/6. PRICE 39/-

UNILLUSTRATED
A few Examples:

FRENCH CREPE-DE-CHINE PRINCESS SLIP.—All in good quality silk, the designs are all varied. Some very finely embroidered or trimmed dainty laces. A few are slightly soiled. Usually 49/6. PRICE 25/-

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Court and Society

The King and Queen are expected to leave Buckingham Palace towards the end of the week, probably on Friday or Saturday, when they will go to Sandringham for the partridge shooting. It has now been decided that the Prince of Wales is to leave on his journey to South America on January 15, and his Royal Highness will return at the end of April. It is possible that Prince George will accompany his brother. For some time past now Prince George has resided with his brother at York House, St. James's Palace.

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The portrait of the King which has been painted by Oswald Birley attracted much attention at the private view of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters on Friday. This depicts His Majesty in a delightful informal way, dressed in yachting kit and seated in a wicker chair, with his white-covered cap and telescope by his side. Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain were looking at it, and others in the crowded rooms were Kathleen Countess of Drogheda (who was with Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, from the Irish Free State), and Lady Patricia Moore; Lord Darling was with his daughter, and I met Earl Fitzwilliam, too, on his way to have a look at the picture of himself, which shows him without flattery in khaki. Other interesting portraits are those of the Earl of Lonsdale, by Sir John Lavery, the Duchess of Westminster, with her favourite black spaniel, by Mrs. Flora Lion, Lady Grimthorpe, Viscountess Ebrington, Lord Aberconway, the Marchioness of Carisbrooke, Lady Edmonstone, and the young Earl of Gainsborough.

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Lady Ursula Talbot has received some attractive and useful presents on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Hector Stewart, which took place at the quaint little five-hundred-year-old Church of St. Ethelburga-the-Virgin in Bishopsgate yesterday morning. The presents were set out in the back portion of the drawing-room in Lady Winifred Pennoyer's house in Eaton Square. Against the bright jade green walls masses of silver made an effective display, and included a canteen of perfectly plain silver and ivory-handled knives from Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Stewart; and a silver tea tray from the tenants at Ingestre and a silver salver from employees from Ingestre are to be presented at that place later. A card "From Marjorie and Charley" indicated that the beautiful carved emerald ring surrounded with diamonds is the gift of the Marquis and Marchioness of Anglesey. A fire-opal ring set in diamonds is the combined present of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Earl and Countess of Ilchester; the Hon. Mrs. Rupert Beckett and her daughter, Lady Delamere, sent a fine brooch of emeralds and pearls in an antique design; the Countess of Pembroke gave a short coat of brown caracul; and from her mother the bride received a set of tall old Spanish church candlesticks, a sable stole, and a red brocade-covered bed with a high head-end, copied from a Queen Anne design, while the groom's gifts include a silver fox fur and a diamond eternity ring.

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At the Lady Mayoress's reception on Monday evening the hundreds of guests had an opportunity of seeing the Mansion House for the last time before it gets into the hands of workmen who are to make many alterations. In the drawing-room the Lord Mayor received, with the Lady Mayoress beside him, the latter dressed in a becoming frock of black net with a lattice design in silver beads. She had just been given a diamond brooch in the form of the Sword of St. Paul by the Corporation, who also presented Mr. James Waterlow with a gold watch, and a silver cigarette box to his brother, Mr. Tom Waterlow, both of whom have been indefatigable in helping their parents during their year of office. A varied programme of entertainment had been provided, for the Lord Mayor's (City of London) Boy Players, in their picturesque Elizabethan dress, sang in the Egyptian Hall, after Julius Ungerson had given some delightful violin selections, and upstairs—in what is known as the Old Ballroom—the Pearl Sword which was presented to the City by Queen Elizabeth and some of the famous Mansion House gold plate were on view. In addition an entire table was requisitioned to show some of the presents made to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress on relinquishing office. Among these I noticed a fine chiming clock given by the Old Marlburians' Masonic Lodge, and a most useful as well as ornamental collection of household linen from the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust. Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, in gold lace, was among those admiring them, and so were the Marquis and Marchioness of Anglesey.

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Elizabeth Charmiane Violet Cecilia were the names chosen by Lord and Lady Nunburnholme for their baby daughter when she was christened on Monday at St. Mark's, North Audley Street. As Lady Nunburnholme was one of the Duchess of York's bridesmaids, it is not surprising to find that Her Royal Highness consented to be one of the little girl's godmothers, though it was not possible for her to be present at the ceremony, and Lady Nunburnholme's sister, Lady Kathleen Stanley, stood proxy. The other godmother was Lady Plunket, who, looking very smart in black and ermine, held the baby during the proceedings. The Hon. Oliver Stanley (uncle) and Mr. Robin Wilson (Lord Nunburnholme's cousin) were the godfathers. The baby wore the embroidered robe which was worn at the christening of her grandfather, the Marquis of Bath. Lady Nunburnholme looked handsome in a fur coat, over a dress of spotted black velvet, and a black-and-white hat, and with Lord Bath and the others present went on to a christening tea at the house of Marjorie Lady Nunburnholme.

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The Marchioness of Londonderry was fortunate, as usual, in having the honour of a visit from the Queen to the sale of work of the Disabled ex-Service men, which is now an annual event at Londonderry House. Her Majesty spent more than an hour inspecting the varied and interesting collection of goods, and eventually purchased two charming brocade-covered vanity boxes, a model of a highly ornate "wind-jammer," and several other articles. The Queen of Spain also came and made purchases, as did Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, whose choice of an embroidered stool was followed by the order for a similar one by the Queen. Lady Londonderry had the Marchioness of Titchfield, Lady Betty Butler, and her three younger daughters to assist her, and visitors had the added attraction of viewing the pictures and having tea in the drawing-room for a small charge. This will be repeated next year.

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As the Hon. Mrs. Henry Mond has been very much overworked lately, she has been ordered to stay in bed for at least ten days. In addition to her activities in respect of several charitable affairs she took her husband's place at the opening meet of the Tidworth Hunt of which he is joint Master with Sir Peter Farquhar. Mr. Mond was unable to be there himself as, owing to Lord Melchett's indisposition, he had to be at the first shoot of the season at Melchet.

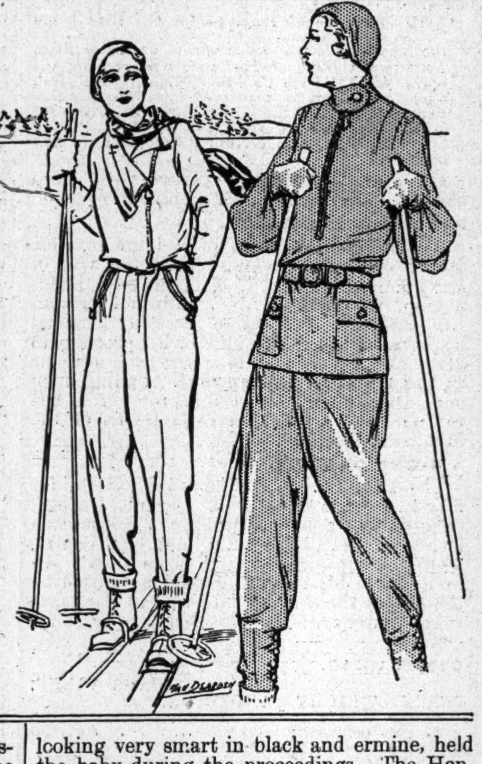
MAYFAIR.

for Winter Sports

WHAT to wear for winter sports is now a question of the moment. Waterproofed materials for skiing have definitely ousted woollen and knitted wear as having a more wet-resisting surface, and long trousers seem generally popular, with woollen turnover tops over heavy ski-boots. Horsehide mitts are worn over one's own gloves or lined with wool.

The sketch to the left shows a tuck-in blouse coat of garbardine proofed cloth, with trousers tapering towards the ankle. A gaily-coloured woollen scarf is worn with this and "woollies" underneath the suit for warmth.

The sketch to the right shows a suit of navy proofed cloth with centre lightning fastening. The trousers are cut on full lines, but are buttoned in neatly to the ankle.



A Woman's Corner

Armistice Day.

A Request to Motorists.

By PANDORA.

The days and months fly by so fast that one finds it hard to realise Armistice Day is almost here. Yet on Tuesday we shall celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the day when it seemed as if the world stood still to hear the news that the guns had ceased firing, the war was at an end, the racking anxiety and strain of four years were to be changed to relief; when women could go to sleep knowing their men, far away, were safe, instead of lying awake haunted by the thought of danger and pain and all the dreadful by-products of a war of such length and magnitude.

Those who lived through the war together with the same anxieties, the same hours of anguish, belong to a great fellowship in which men and women of all the countries involved are members. The young know nothing of this, and for so much they are to be pitied as well as envied, for they have missed learning at times what it meant to be uplifted by deep tender pity for the sorrows we understood, regardless of whether the sufferer was friend or foe.

Fighting for Youth.

As the men went through that hell they were supported by the thought that they were fighting to save the liberty and happiness of their children, the children they should have had, and the children yet unborn. It may seem strange to youthful critics, of whom one hears, who are bored to death with hearing of the war, and have only blame for those involved—as if, God help us! we wanted it or loved it—to hear that men, young men as young and gay as they are now, gave all they had and would have for a dream of making the world safer and happier for them. Yet there are many more who learn with hero-worship in their hearts of the deeds of the men who died—or came back to disappointment. There must be many who are touched by the thought of the boys who swung through English lanes and down London streets singing as they tramped of "Tipperary," and urged others to pack up their troubles and smile, smile, smile. But they can hardly reconcile these stories of brave youth with the half-starved ex-Servicemen playing in the streets for pennies, or the others who have dropped back into the stream of ordinary life.

A Message.

If those men who tramped away, bronzed and strong and light hearted and never came back, could speak, they would beg of the young to help to make the country they loved and died for stronger and finer and more united than ever. They died in their thousands and tens of thousands for England. Is there no call powerful enough, clear enough, compelling enough to bring men and women to work for a greater England, to live for a greater England, and for greater unity and understanding? The war broke down barriers and united us as one people, feeling for one another, softened to one another, working side by side for a common cause; it makes one sad to think that peace raised high walls again, that the common cause is lost sight of in the bickerings of party and class.

Never Forget.

There are rumours and more than rumours that many consider we have made enough of the war and all it meant to us. It is time, some say, we forgot. It is time we ceased to gather on Armistice Day and, caught up by a spirit of devotion and yearning for those unseen, once more touch our dear, our unforgotten dead. Even a distinguished bishop, I see, is recommending that the celebrations should cease before they become mechanical. And this while hundreds of thousands who took part in the war are still here, suffering, remembering, paying. Instead, let us pray:—

Only while England stands,
Their pearl, their pride, their altar—not their grave—
Bid us remember in what hours they gave
All that mankind may give
That we might live.

Hooting Motor Cars.

A constant reader asks me to call attention to the conduct of certain motorists who, on Armistice Sunday when services are held in many small places, disturb worshippers as they gather around their war memorials.

She says: "Can you not say something about the road hogs who rush by in noisy cars past the sad and reverent crowds that gather around the little war memorials in towns and villages on Armistice Sunday? The offenders are chiefly young men, too young to have served, and often too indifferent to learn from their elders of the sorrows and glories of the war. Here, after years of putting up with this, we have stationed police each side of the approaches to our cenotaph, and as every policeman is an ex-soldier, they sympathise with the idea of stopping these cars, and either sending them around another way or keeping them still until the 'Last Post' has been sounded. Many have not the decency to take off their hats as they pass the war memorial and listen to the 'Last Post' or to salute the flag of the Legion. The roar of the engines often drowns the names of the men and lads being read out to the mothers wearing a dead man's medals, and to those who were brought up with the dead men."

I feel sure that many motorists, who would be careful about observing the Two Minutes' Silence, do not realise that special services are often held at the war memorials on the Sunday before Armistice Day. If they did they would be distressed at the thought of disturbing a gathering of people brought together for so intimate and touching a service. Would it not be possible to have a poster of some sort put on the outskirts asking that motorists should go slowly through the village as a special out-of-door service is in progress?

Reptile Shoes.

A propos reptile shoes mentioned in this column a fortnight or so ago, a correspondent tells me an amusing and true story about collecting snake skins. A lady living in South Africa sent a python skin home to have shoes made from it. Learning thus that it was valuable, and affairs being rather bad out there, her husband decided to buy pythons from natives, but his stock of pythons did not increase, and on inquiry he found that the natives were stealing his pythons and selling them back to him.

Another reader asks me if I believe it to be true that in order to get skins in good condition they are torn from the living creature. I have never heard this suggested, but it seems most unlikely, considering what snakes are. Can you imagine keeping a python, say, or a crocodile still in his native wilds while this horrible operation was in progress?

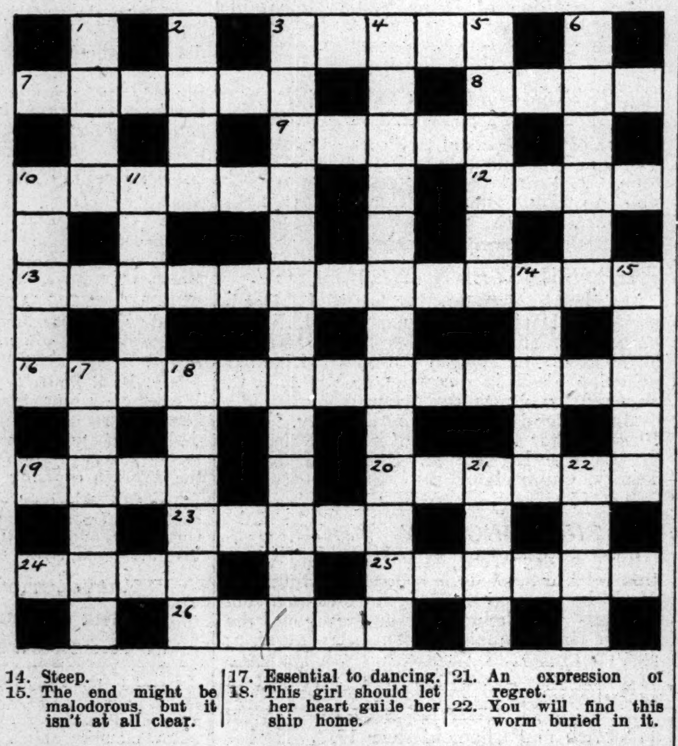
Dealing with Gossip.

So many wild statements are made as fact that one is reminded of Hannah More (I think it was) who, upon hearing any gossip about an acquaintance, always said promptly, "Come to her with me, and we shall hear if this be true," which reduced the gossipy one to a state of panic. There is no way of asking the snakes if this be true, but there must be persons who know whether it is or not. For myself, while holding no brief for the snakes, I should be horrified at such cruelty, but until I know that it is true I shall reserve my sympathy for real suffering.

Hannah More, if it was she, must have been an alarming person to whom to tell all one's news. Most of us would think twice about saying anything, however amusing or even harmless, with such a prospect before us as going to the subject of the story to ask if what one had said were true.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 306.

Send solutions addressed "Cross-word No. 306," SUNDAY TIMES, 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Two novels selected from publishers' announcements in the SUNDAY TIMES will be given to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened after the first post on Thursday. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in the competition.



ACROSS.

3. Toil painfully in from Dickens.
7. Call an old magician for more than respect.
8. Air.
9. Protection against foreign matter to suit.
10. A head guardian.
12. Part is a blow and part is backwards.
13. The bloom of unity.
16. A bizarre quality.
19. A dam or ditch.
20. This is never far off.
23. Number the active.
24. The beginning of the millennium.
25. Unsubstantial play about our time.
26. Famous fiction character who was one of four.

DOWN.

1. A bustle.
2. Traders like it hard.
3. Does the tailor bird employ this?
4. A disease of the tongue (though scientists might not agree).
5. French town.
6. This popular musical play has no quiet finish.
10. One of the cat's tails.
11. Softly.
14. Steep.
15. The end might be malodorous, but it isn't at all clear.
17. Essential to dancing.
18. This girl should let her heart guide her ship home.
21. An expression of regret.
22. You will find this worm buried in it.

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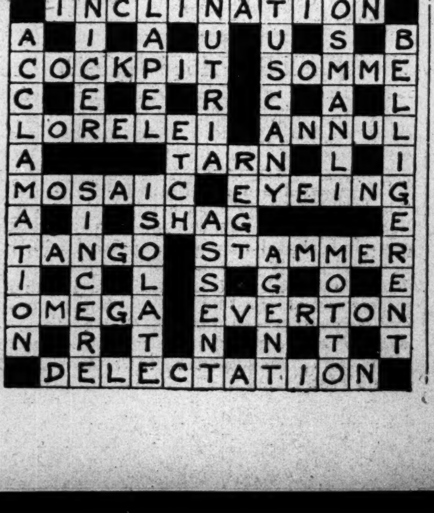

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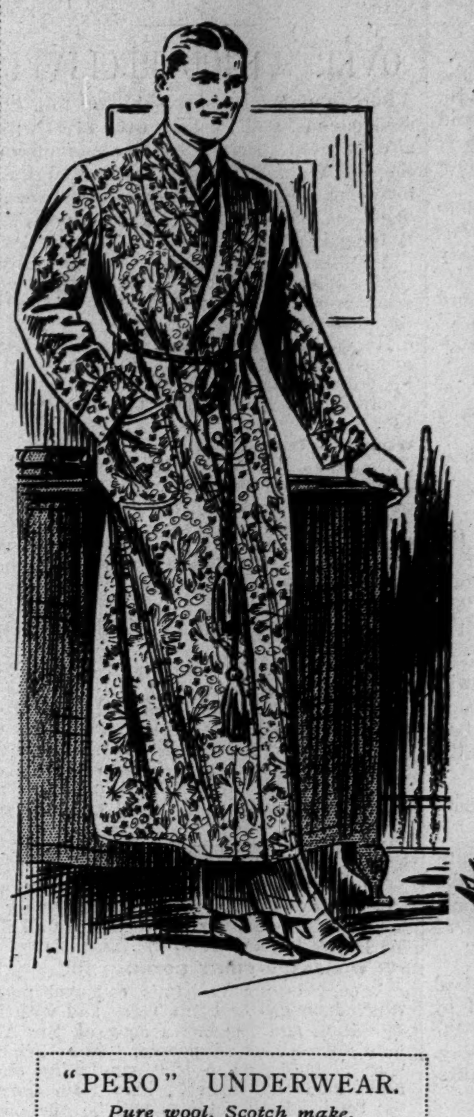

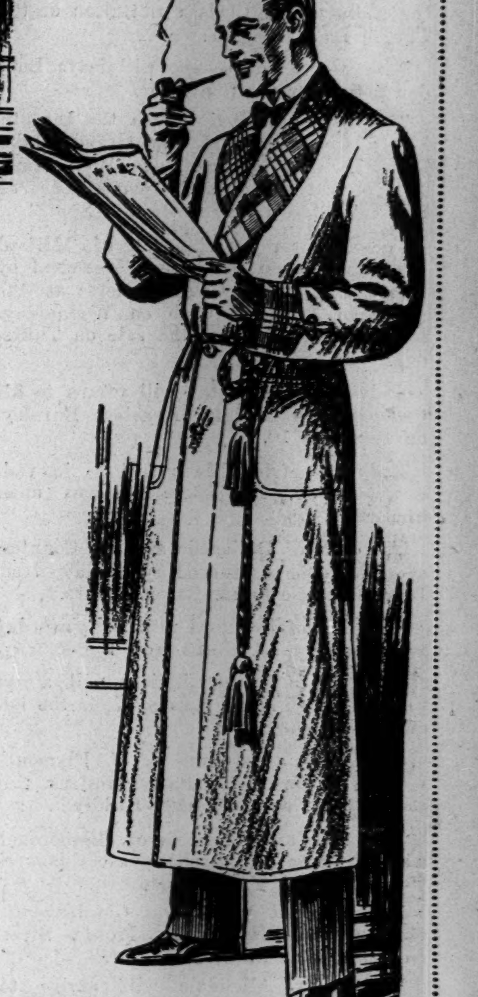

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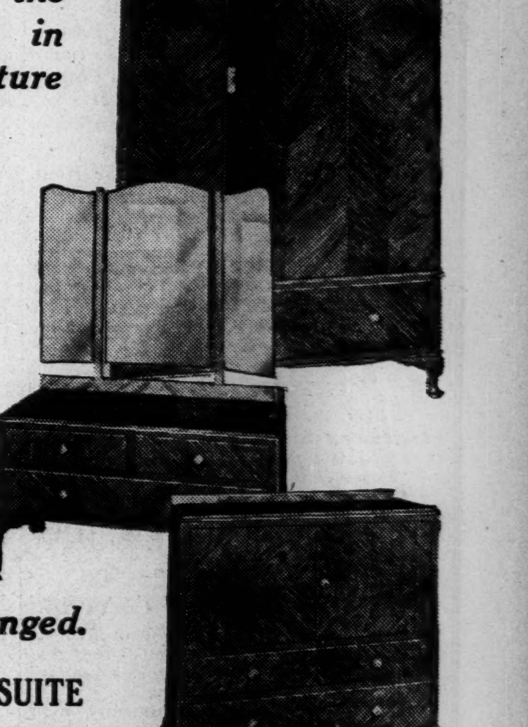

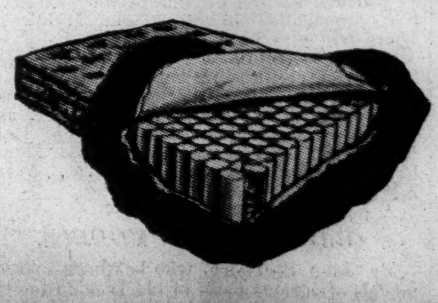

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NEW HOPE DIAMOND TRAGEDY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The famous Hope Diamond is credited by the superstitious with adding another tragedy to the long list associated with its possession.

The romantic runaway marriage of Mr. Edward Beale McLean and Miss Evelyn Walsh twenty-two years ago has ended in the Law Courts, Mrs. McLean demanding a separation allowance of £2,000 per month for her support and that of their three children.

Mr. McLean is the millionaire publisher and editor of the "Washington Post" and "Cincinnati Enquirer," and his wife is the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Walsh, a Colorado miner, who "struck it rich." They have lived for a generation on the beautiful estate "Friendship," one of the showplaces of Washington.

In addition, Mr. McLean maintains a large stock farm in Virginia, a duck camp on the Potomac, two other completely furnished residences in Washington, an apartment in a New York Hotel, four expensive motor-cars, and a private railway car.

MRS. McLEAN'S £10,000,000.

Mrs. McLean, in the complaint, admits she separated from her husband in June, 1929. Since then, she says, he paid her £1,500 per month, up to March, for her maintenance and for that of her children. On July 3, the petition declares, he paid £1,500, and £500 on September 3. Since then he has paid her nothing, and now he has announced his determination to oppose any legal proceedings she may bring to compel him to support her.

Mrs. McLean, who inherited £10,000,000 from her father, says she spent £100,000 in improving "Friendship," and now she is compelled to draw upon her capital to support herself and her children.

The Hope Diamond, which weighs 44⅝ carats, Louis XIV. bought for his consort. It was purchased by Mr. McLean for his bride twenty years ago for £80,000. The gem's reputation for bringing disaster to the owner caused Mr. McLean to stipulate that if any death or other tragedy entered the McLean household within six months the diamond could be exchanged for an equivalent amount in jewels.

It was not until nine years later, however, that tragedy came, when the McLean's first-born, known as the "Hundred Million Dollar Baby," evaded his guardians, ran through the gates of the estate, and was killed by a motor-car. Later came the Teapot Dome scandals, with the revelation of McLean's "£20,000 Loan" to the former Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Albert Fall; and, to some extent, "Friendship" was shunned socially as a result.

Now comes this parting of the marital ways.

MRS. VICTOR BRUCE.

ORDER OF "THE MILLION ELEPHANTS."

HANOI, Saturday.

The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, who is on a flight to Tokio, arrived here on Thursday afternoon, and left again at 9.50 this morning for Hong Kong. She was, however, delayed by unfavourable winds, and was compelled to land at Fort Bayard, in Kwang Chow-Wan, the small French coastal possession in the Lui-Chow peninsula, about midway between here and Hong Kong.

The French Indo-Chinese Government invested Mrs. Victor Bruce during her stay here with the insignia of the order of "The Million Elephants."—Reuter.

LOST AIRMAN FOUND.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Mr. Coote arrived at Alice Springs to-day. After making a forced landing in a remote region of Central Australia last week Mr. Coote was reported missing. Camel parties were sent out, but failed to locate him, and it was intended to send out three planes on a reconnaissance this morning.—Exchange.

VISCOUNTESS TO MARRY VICAR.

STEPSON AS PATRON OF HUSBAND'S LIVING.

In connection with the engagement of Faith Viscountess Downe to the Rev. A. Maxwell Bury, the curious position arises that her stepson, the present Viscount Downe, is the patron of the prospective bridegroom's living.

Faith Viscountess Downe is the widow of the eighth Viscount, who died in 1924. The Rev. A. Maxwell Bury is Vicar of Wykeham, Yorkshire, where the principal seat of the Downe family is situated.

The Viscountess is the daughter of a clergyman, the late Rev. T. H. Dening, formerly Vicar of Holy Trinity, Kilburn, London, N.W. She married Major-General Viscount Downe, who had a distinguished Army career, in 1911. She was his second wife, the first having died in 1910.

"FREE AS RUSSIA!"

LEAFLET THAT MADE A SOLDIER ANGRY.

At Reading, yesterday, William Gunn, 45, and Alfred Jones, 47, of no fixed abode, were charged with insulting behaviour at the barracks. It was stated that they handed to a private on duty a leaflet which so incensed him that had he not been in uniform, he told the court, he would have taken strong personal action. The men made statements in which they urged that England should be "as free as Russia."

The chairman said the men were entitled to their opinions, but they must not provoke a breach of the peace. No breach had been occasioned fortunately, and the case would be dismissed. He warned them to leave the town immediately.

CARDS IN THE ARMY.

CORPORAL REDUCED FOR PLAYING WITH MEN.

For "showing undue familiarity with the men under him" by playing cards with them for money in the barrack room, Corpl. Wm. Wyborn Blackmore, of the Royal Engineers, was sentenced by an Aldershot court martial yesterday to be reduced to the ranks.

Blackmore admitted that he was playing "brag" with three other men, but it was urged by his counsel that a quiet game of cards was not a breach of discipline, and was no worse than taking part in the weekly football sweepstakes which were held in the unit.

THE KING AT ARMISTICE SERVICE

CENOTAPH CEREMONY ARRANGEMENTS.

B.B.C. TO SYNCHRONISE TIME SIGNALS FOR SILENCE.

On the stroke of eleven on Tuesday morning the two minutes Armistice Day Silence will be observed throughout the country.

The arrangements for the main commemoration ceremonies in London have been approved by the King, who will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York will also deposit emblems, and subsequently wreaths will be laid on behalf of other members of the Royal Family, on behalf of the Governments at home and overseas, and on behalf of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, and the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets

Representatives of the Forces of the Crown, together with a contingent of ex-service men and women, will arrive at the Cenotaph at about 10.30 a.m., and will form a hollow square. The ex-service men and ex-service women will form the north side of the square. On the west side there will be detachments of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Royal Air Force, and the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets. Detachments of the Household Cavalry, the Royal Horse Artillery, the Brigade of Guards, and the Territorial Army will form the east side of the square, while on the southern side the bands of the Brigade of Guards, the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, and the Royal Air Force will be stationed.

"THE LAST POST."

The service at the Cenotaph will be conducted by the Bishop of London. The choir of the Chapel Royal will be supplemented by members of the Westminster Abbey special choir.

The beginning and the end of the Silence in Whitehall will be marked by the firing of a gun from the Horse Guards' Parade. "The Last Post" will be sounded by Royal Air Force trumpeters at the end of the Silence, and then the hymn "O God, our Help in ages past" will be sung. Afterwards there will be a short service. It will consist of a special collect, the Lord's Prayer, and a blessing, and then the buglers of the Royal Marines will sound the réveillé. The impressive service will end with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Queen, together with other ladies of the Royal Family, will witness the ceremony from the windows of the Home Office which overlook the Cenotaph.

PUBLIC WREATHS.

After the King has returned to the Home Office, the troops and the columns of ex-service men and women will march past the Cenotaph. Official deputations, bearing wreaths, and the general public will be formed into streams moving from Whitehall towards Westminster. They will deposit their tributes on the Cenotaph as they pass by. It is specially requested by the authorities that all wreaths and flowers should be laid on the Cenotaph and not at the Unknown Warrior's Grave in Westminster Abbey.

Beginning at 10.30 a.m. there will be a special service at Westminster Abbey. The service will end at 11.10. The Navy will be represented by Admiral Sir Cyril Fuller, the Army by General Sir Walter Braithwaite, and the Royal Air Force by Air-Marshal Sir Edward Ellington. Representative detachments from the Services and the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets will attend the service.

At 11.20 the general public will be admitted to the Abbey. The doors will remain open until the close of the evening service which takes place at 8 p.m.

TIME SIGNALS.

In Outer London the beginning of the Silence will be notified by the discharge of maroons from selected police stations.

To enable local authorities throughout Great Britain to synchronise all public clocks the British Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast Greenwich Time at 9 p.m. to-morrow and at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

For the two minutes' Silence all vehicular traffic will be suspended. Drivers of motor vehicles are asked to stop their engines, but rail and water transport will not be suspended.

The City of London's observance of Armistice Day will include the annual service at the City's War Memorial outside the Royal Exchange. The service will, for the first time, be relayed into the Bank of England. The service from the Cenotaph will be relayed into the Port of London Authority building.

BROADCAST PLANS.

The British Broadcasting Corporation announces that at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday all stations will relay the Cenotaph Ceremony from Whitehall. Music by the bands of the Guards will be broadcast until about 10.50, when a pause will signify that the King is placing a wreath on the Cenotaph.

Band music will then be resumed until the strokes of Big Ben and gunfire from St. James's Park announce the hour of 11 o'clock. The Two Minutes' Silence will be observed, followed by the Last Post and the Memorial Service, conducted by the Bishop of London, which will conclude with Reveille and the National Anthem.

The Festival of Empire and Remembrance, organised by the British Legion, will be relayed from the Royal Albert Hall in the National programme between 8.0 and 9.0 p.m. The Prince of Wales's speech will be broadcast. Massed bands of the Brigade of Guards and the organ will provide music of popular marches and choruses.

A programme, entitled "In Memoriam, 1914-1918," will be broadcast from all stations at 9.20. "In Memoriam" takes the form of a chronicle of the war in six episodes. The Last Post, relayed from Menin Gate, will end the programme at about 10.15 p.m.

ORIGINAL CENOTAPH.

EXHIBIT AT IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

The original Cenotaph, which was set up in wood and plaster in 1919 as a temporary structure for the Victory March, is now preserved in the Imperial War Museum. This cenotaph forms the subject of a sketch by Mr. Hanslip Fletcher on page 18.

During its demolition to give place to the permanent structure, the upper portion and the six flags that were then used were saved for preservation by the authorities of the Museum.

It stands surrounded by other relics and exhibits that are in harmony with the spirit of the memorial. Close by is a model, faithfully executed, of a British Cemetery in France; in a corner stands a model of the original Toc H. at Poperinghe; at another point are the original wood blocks used for the next-of-kin Scroll of Honour, and on the walls are pictures and other exhibits of a like nature.

WEAR A POPPY.

250,000 WOMEN TO SELL 40,000,000 EMBLEMS.

Since the institution of Poppy Day by Earl Haig in 1921, over £2,683,730 has been subscribed.

Last year, in spite of the torrential downpour of rain that was almost general after midday throughout the country, £598,120 was contributed. This was a record amount and showed an increase of approximately £19,000 over 1928. Scotland was responsible for raising £81,672 of the total collections in 1929.

This year it is hoped that even the record of last year will be surpassed. On Tuesday nearly a quarter of a million women at home and overseas will be selling close upon 40,000,000 poppies in the streets.

A "Poppy Day" appeal will be broadcast by the Prince of Wales from all stations to-morrow, at 7.45 p.m.

The making of the poppies gives continuous employment to nearly 350 severely disabled ex-service men in the British Legion's own factories. The average degree of disablement of these men, who for the main part would be unemployable elsewhere, is 75 per cent.

ARMISTICE DAY IN GERMANY.

HONOUR, BUT NO CEREMONY.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Armistice Day and the memories it brings are passed over in silence in Germany, which, unlike the Allies, does not set apart the day for homage to the glorious dead.

Many in Germany deplore the absence of a national ceremony to express gratitude for the sacrifices of the dead. The late Prince von Bulow has contrasted the affecting ceremonies in the capitals of other countries with the absence of recognition of the German dead in his book "Memories."

Opposition to war memorial ceremonies comes from the Pacifists and others of "Left" tendencies, who believe that such ceremonies foster the war spirit.

To Nationalist and Conservative Germans November 11 is a day of shame, for which they hold Pacifists and Socialists responsible—claiming that the revolution was a "stab in the back."

Meanwhile, German reverence for those who lost their lives in the war is expressed in the war memorials that have been erected in almost every town and village throughout the country and the religious services associated with them.—British United Press.

VILLAGE COLONIES.

£100,000 APPEAL FOR THE DISABLED.

As a small token of recognition of his unceasing work for disabled ex-Service men, Sir Frederick Milner, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, has been presented with a silver statuette representing a wounded soldier. The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by Viscount Plumer.

The greatest interest of Sir Frederick are the village settlements at Enham (Hampshire) and Papworth (Cambridgeshire), where those shattered in mind and body are colonised and cared for. To establish these institutions on a solid basis and link them permanently with Sir Frederick's name the Village Settlements' Fund requires £100,000

In an appeal to the public the trustees of the fund state that without help the work at Enham and Papworth cannot continue. The money will be distributed by Sir Frederick himself. Donations made payable to "The Sir Frederick Milner Fund for Village Settlements" will be most sincerely welcomed at 10, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1.

Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., makes a special Armistice Day appeal on behalf of the Fund established by the National Institute for the Blind, to help sightless ex-Service men who, because their blindness was not attributable to nor aggravated by war service, are without pensions, and are ineligible for training at St. Dunstan's. Donations for the fund should be addressed to him personally at 224, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

PRINCE GEORGE.

TO REPRESENT THE KING IN SCOTLAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

Prince George will represent the King at the Remembrance Day celebrations in Edinburgh on Tuesday. He will be the guest of the Earl of Haddington, president of the British Legion in Scotland, and he will take part in the proceedings at the Stone of Remembrance. A service will afterwards be conducted in St. Giles Cathedral.

SERVICES FELLOWSHIP.

Brigadier-General H. R. Hopwood commanded the Armistice parade last night of the companions of the Fellowship of the Services who marched to the Cenotaph to lay a wreath of Flanders poppies.

The Fellowship had its origin in the meeting of an ex-officer, a sergeant and a private in a night-watchman's hut in the East India Dock Road. Once a month the Fellowship holds a Mess followed by a smoking concert, at which a retired major may be paired with an ex-A.B., an ex-drummer with an ex-Captain.

R.N.V.R. REUNION.

General Sir Ian Hamilton and General Sir Walter P. Braithwaite will be the guests of honour at the reunion luncheon of the Royal Naval Division at the Crystal Palace on Saturday. Earl Howe will be chairman.

The gathering will open with a memorial service at midday in the Concert Hall. The afternoon, when it is expected that Mr. Winston Churchill will attend the reunion, will be devoted to a series of entertainments. There will be a special R.N.V.R. football match, cinema performances, and a tea to the members of the R.N.D. Association, their wives and children.

WAR VICTIMS' WARES.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION OF DISABLED MEN'S WORK.

During the next twelve days the public will have an opportunity of buying useful and inexpensive Christmas presents at the fourth exhibition and sale of goods made by war-disabled men, at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington.

The Queen and Princess Mary have visited the exhibition and made several purchases from the examples of war-disabled men's craftsmanship, while Prince George has, among other things, bought two suit-lengths of Welsh hand-woven tweed made by ex-Servicemen at Llanwrtyd Wells, Breconshire.

That work is the foundation of a war-blinded man's happiness is fully exemplified in the section devoted to the exhibits from St. Dunstan's, which comprises tea trays and various other articles of domestic use. In many of these exhibits glass has been replaced by a new process—unbreakable, stainless, washable, and heatproof—exclusive to St. Dunstan's.

The exhibition is the work of about 2,000 disabled sailors, soldiers, and airmen, some of whom are bed-ridden.

FLYING SHIP HELD UP.

MAY REACH ENGLAND TO-DAY.

ATLANTIC TEST.

CRITICS ON NEED OF FURTHER TRIALS.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CALSHOT, Saturday.

Until late to-day there was no news here of the German Dornier flying-ship Do X, which should have started this morning from Amsterdam on the second leg of her maiden long-distance flight from Germany to America, and was due to-day at Calshot, where the competition for the Schneider Trophy was held last year.

She was held up by bad weather conditions between Holland and England. It is now definitely reported that she will remain at Amsterdam until to-morrow, when, if the weather has improved, she will leave for Calshot with a crew of fifteen and twenty-one passengers; remaining at Calshot till Wednesday, when she will leave for Havre and Lisbon, prior to her attempt to cross the Atlantic. Herren Claud and Karl Dornier will be on board.

According to a message I received from Croydon wireless control tower to-day, the delay at Amsterdam was entirely due to weather conditions. A half-gale had been reported over parts of the Channel with choppy seas and bad visibility. Then came the message here that Captain Christiansen, the commander of the vessel, had received instructions that the flight to England should not be made.

EXPERTS' CRITICISM.

There was considerable comment at the Air Station this afternoon by experts, who suggested that, if the flying-ship was not considered safe enough to face fairly bad weather on the flight of a few hundred miles from Holland to Southampton, it was suicidal for the attempt to be made on the Atlantic crossing when much worse conditions are to be expected.

So far Do. X has had no severe trials in adverse weather, and if she starts on the Atlantic flight immediately, opinion here is that she will be in a somewhat similar plight to R101. The flying-ship's behaviour in bad flying conditions will be an unknown quantity. Although Do. X is generally considered to be entirely sea-and air-worthy, I understand that those financially interested are in favour of an indefinite postponement of the Atlantic trip until the craft has been thoroughly tested.

EFFICIENT IN FLIGHT.

In flight Do. X has shown herself remarkably efficient, although she is unable to carry so many passengers as was originally intended. The transatlantic flight, if it proves as successful as the Dornier people anticipate, should go a long way as an actual proof in the aeroplane v. airship controversy. It will prove to the world that flying ships built on a large and ambitious scale, with sufficient experience and experiment behind them, are of great and more immediate commercial importance than the airship which is still in a somewhat dangerous infancy.

One or two British constructors, who are themselves engaged in the quiet production of big flying boats, will watch with more than passing interest this flight of the Do. X.

SEA BAPTISM.

CAPTAIN PLEASED WITH HIS CRAFT.

AMSTERDAM, Saturday.

Do. X last night successfully withstood its first experience of adverse weather conditions in strange waters, far from the sheltered conditions in Lake Constance.

Captain Christiansen, who remained on board throughout the night with some members of the crew, said he was thoroughly satisfied with the game way his precious charge had taken its sea baptism. He declared that the craft had behaved splendidly and had never heeled over—consequently the wings had not touched the water.

Its behaviour has greatly pleased all the Dornier camp. If the weather should become worse, the captain contemplates setting a couple of the motors running to keep the vessel's head in the wind and prevent it breaking adrift.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

THE MAGIC OF THE MASTER —RACHMANINOFF.

Rachmaninoff must be, I suppose, the critics' beau ideal among pianists. He is that, of course, for a number of other people: there did not seem to be a seat vacant in Queen's Hall at his afternoon recital.

Every other moment he seemed to be presenting opportunities to us to remark his unerring judgment in the matter of rhythm; the regulation of touch, and therefore of tone-production; the sensitive perfection of phrasing.

All this as a matter of course, for personal display is quite foreign to his nature. Indeed, there is that behind his interpretations which can perhaps still be described—even in these class-conscious days—as aristocracy.

The inevitable rhythm, the absence of mere sentiment are part and parcel of this quality, in virtue of which he was able to give us the very essence of the gentle, plaintive Schubert Tausig Andantino and Variations in B minor, and the whimsical waywardness of Schumann's "Davidsbündlertänze."

His Chopin is a thing apart. The two Scherzi in B minor and B flat minor were as different as it was possible for them to be; yet each was charged with the nervous strength which comparatively few perceive behind the surface elegancies of Chopin's music.

After the interval, there were to come three of the illustrious pianist's own Etudes-Tableaux and some Liszt.

VIOLIN DUETS.

So to the Wigmore Hall, where, to my chagrin, I just missed hearing Purcell's "Golden Sonata." But Miss Jelly d'Aranyi and Mme. Adila Fachiri were soon endowing the Pugnani Sonata in C major with the pulsating life that is their peculiar prerogative. The delightful "Caccia" was as exhilarating as a gallop astride a horse.

Even the saccharinities of the Spohr Duo (unaccompanied), the artists contrived to suggest, concealed intentions well worth the following; though, to be sure, it was unfortunate that the fiddle-strings seemed particularly reluctant, on this occasion, to remain strictly in tune.

The Bach Concerto in C minor, in which the piano accompanist of the afternoon, Miss Ethel Hobday, again joined, concluded the recital.

H. F.

LECTURES ON PERSIAN ART.

Professor Sir Denison Ross will lecture on Tuesday, at three o'clock, on "The History and Culture of Persia" at the Victoria and Albert Museum. This lecture will be followed by five lantern lectures on "Persian Art," to be delivered by Mr. Herbert Furst on Tuesday afternoons at the Museum, and on Friday evenings at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, Southampton Row, W.C.

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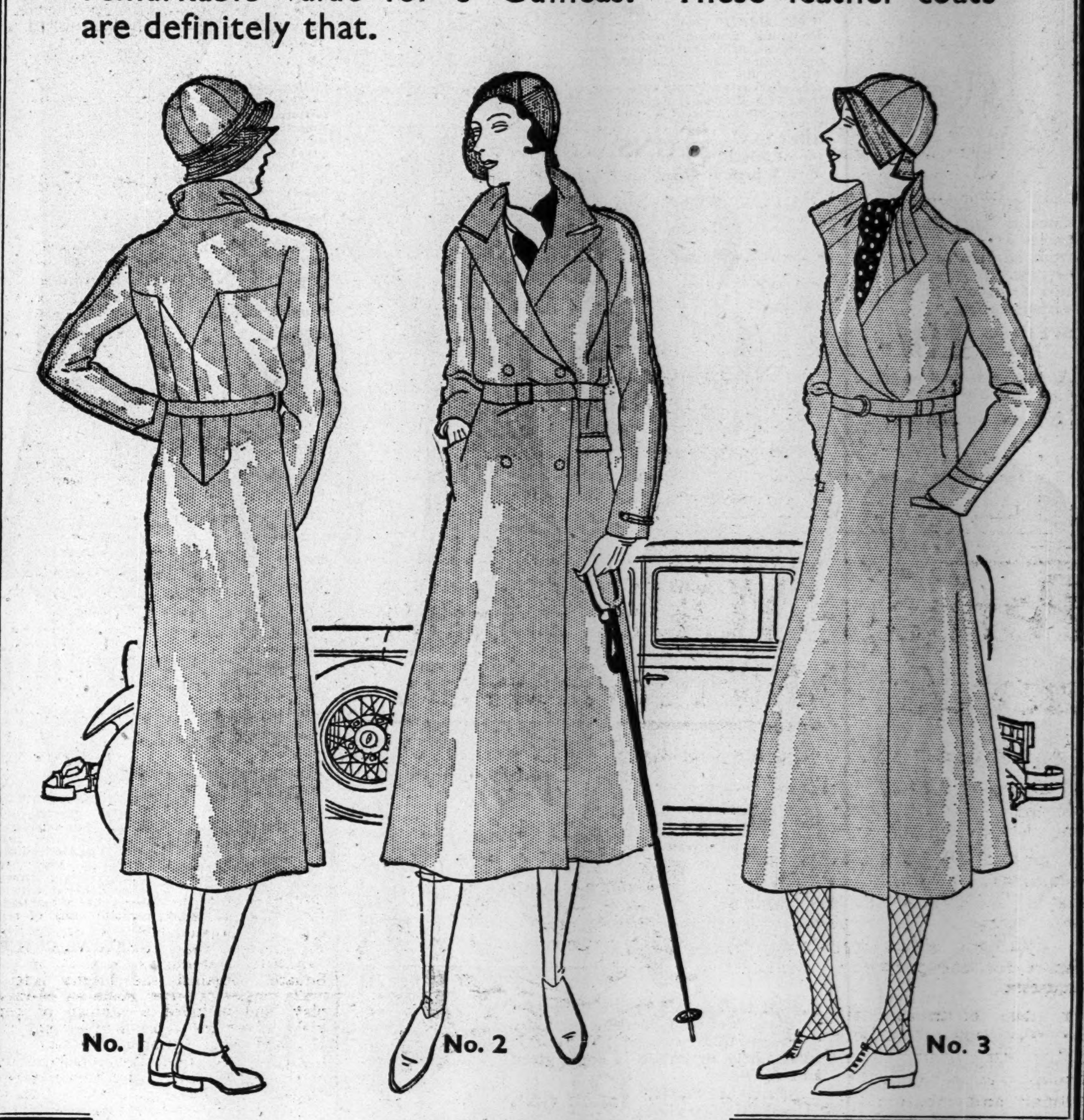

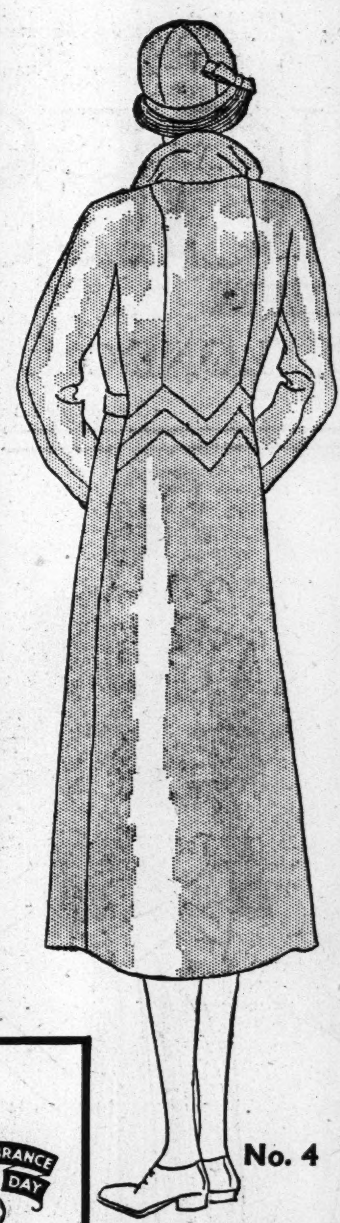

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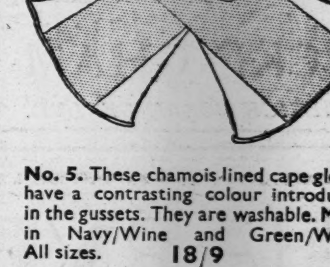

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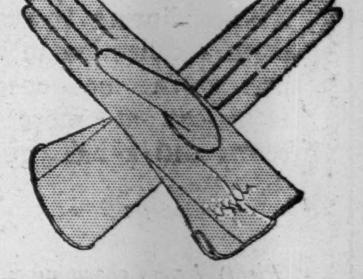

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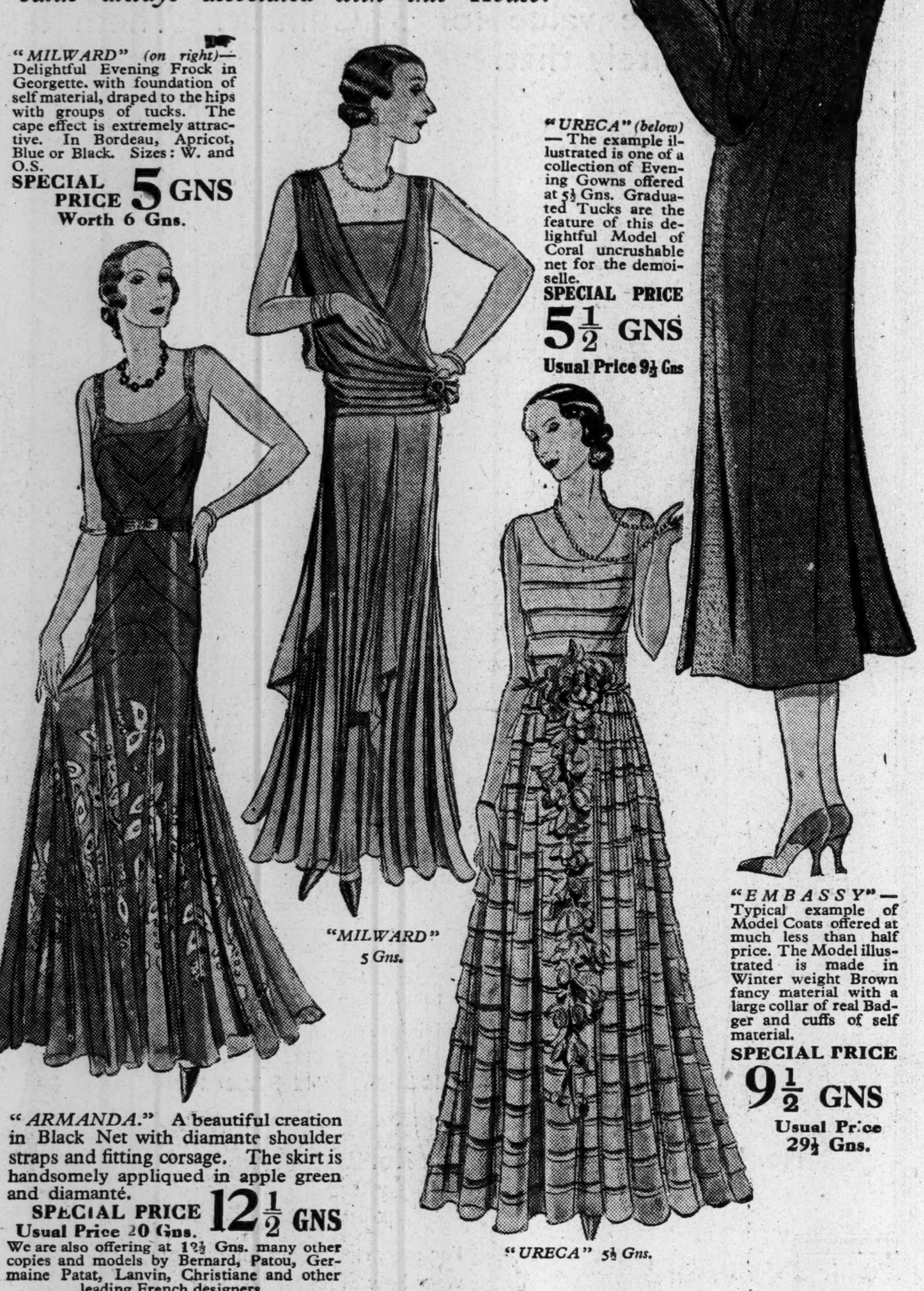

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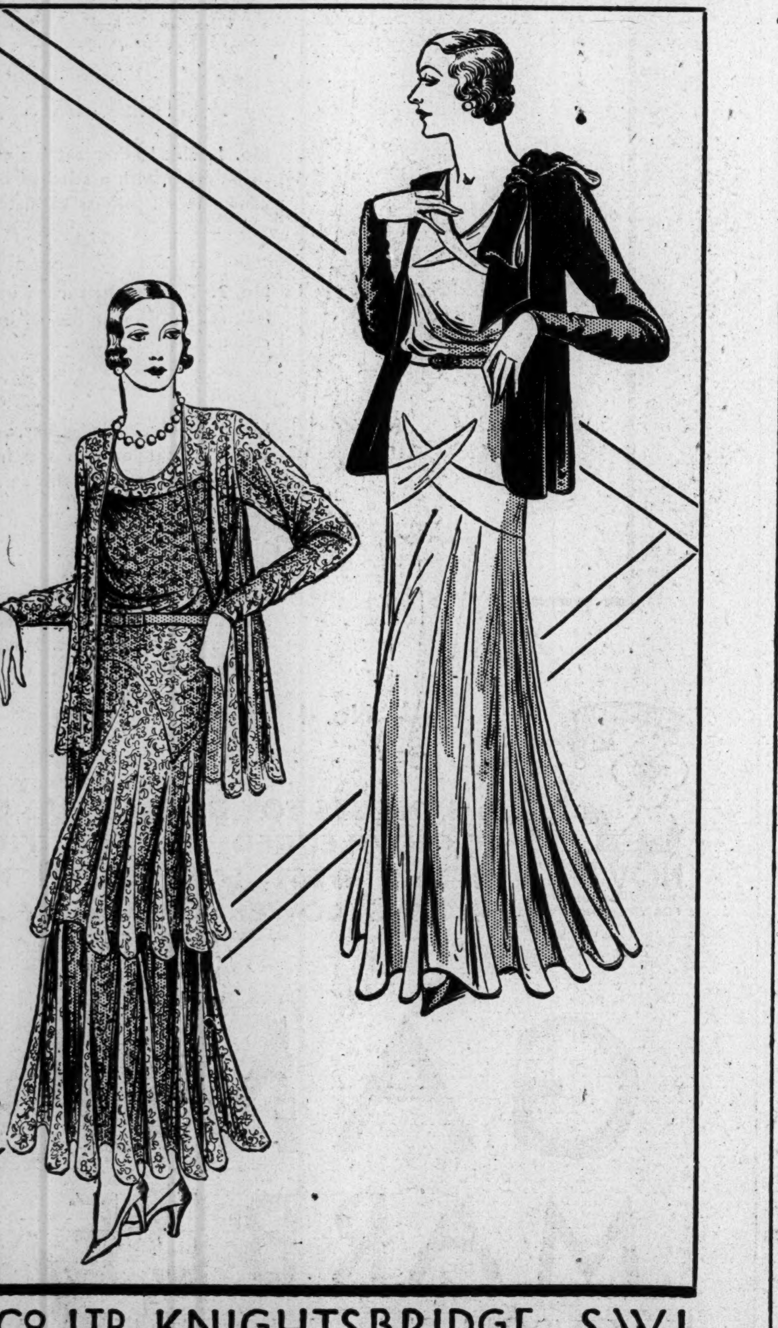

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THE UNIVERSITIES

O.U.D.S. IN "HASSAN."

ICE-SKATING BAN RELAXED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

The O.U.D.S. will produce "Hassan" in the Trinity term from February 17-21. It is hoped that Mr. Basil Dean will be the producer, but it is quite possible that the press of other engagements, which cannot be calculated at the moment, may prevent him. Flecker's play will be put on with the object of simplicity rather than of florid effect. Mr. Dean has given it as his view that the beauty of the language will be enough to carry the play without much other assistance; and when the O.U.D.S. have trained themselves to speak the verse and prose as they should be spoken, it seems likely to be a memorable production. No decision has yet been reached about the actresses who shall be invited to play, but casting readings for the men will begin towards the end of this term.

Meanwhile the four one-act plays have already been put into rehearsal, and St. Hilda's have put on an evening of three plays, chiefly remarkable for the exquisite acting of Miss Neilson.

THE ICE CLUB.

The new skating rink opened yesterday afternoon with demonstrations from leading experts. It stands within easy distance of Carfax, along the Botley Road. A large gathering gave it a warm enough welcome. It is light and airy, and equipped with every kind of amenity, both for skater and spectator. The surface seems a little brittle at the moment, but no doubt this will soon be remedied.

The statement issued by the Vice-Chancellor and proctors that no undergraduate member of the University would be allowed to skate, except during the hours of 2.30—5.30 in the afternoon, has been slightly qualified in two points. Members who have joined the Sunday Evening Ice Club may skate on Sunday evening, and the members of the Ice hockey team will be allowed to make their own arrangements. This is, at any rate, some slight relaxation of principle, but it does little enough for the ordinary undergraduate who wishes to take a little mild exercise for an hour before or after dinner. A rowing man, for instance, who is on the river every afternoon from two till four o'clock, has little chance of skating at all.

TOWN v. GOWN.

The fifth of November in Oxford is always a peculiarly stupid function, and means merely that an enormous crowd completely blocks the Cornmarket and Carfax, exploding small fireworks, and refusing to let the traffic pass. This year, however, it took a slightly more unpleasant turn, and reduced itself to a state of antagonism between Town and Gown. Considering the extreme tact that has constantly to be observed between the University and the townspeople, the thoughtlessness of certain people on both sides is extremely deplorable. No great damage was done, if comparison is made between Oxford and the regrettable incidents in London, but there was enough to imperil the friendly relations that it has taken a long time to consolidate.

Nine men were charged in the Oxford Police Court yesterday, and they were all remanded. A significant fact is that a student of London University was one of those charged.

THE UNION SOCIETY.

On Thursday the Union debated on the motion that "the practice of biography has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished." This was quite the best of the debates this term, Mr. Walker-Smith (secretary), Mr. Edgar Lustgarten (ex-president), and Lord David Cecil supporting the motion, and Mr. E. D. O'Brien (librarian) with Mr. Philip Guedalla (ex-president) opposing. The two outstanding speeches came from the librarian, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Guedalla, who began by an attack on the "Isis," which has of late been stigmatising the Union of to-day as incompetent. Those who side with the Union were openly delighted, while the supporters of the "Isis" bravely pointed out that the only decent defence of the Union so far has come from a speaker of a very much older decade.

ALL SOULS' FELLOWSHIPS.

The two fellowships at All Souls' College, which are aspired to by the most brilliant scholars of every year, have been awarded to Mr. Douglas P. T. Jay, Scholar of New College in 1926, who won the Chancellor's English Essay Prize in 1927, and to Mr. Ian Ivor Brown, of Westminster and Christ Church, who in 1929 won the Gladstone Memorial Prize.

"CASTE" AT OXFORD PLAYHOUSE.

"Caste," Tom Robertson's comedy of English life in the 'sixties, was first produced by Sir Squire Bancroft at the Prince of Wales's Theatre in 1867, the performance being distinguished by the introduction of real doors and windows into the theatre in place of the old curtain stage.

T. W. Robertson brought the theatre into closer touch with everyday life, and while sounding the first note of that realism which was later epitomised by Ibsen, helped to vitalise the stereotyped figures of the older Victorian play. In "Caste" he creates an illusion of reality by homely touches—a real kettle boiling on a genuine hearth, a window that opens and shuts, supplying a comic exit for an acrobatic plumber—while numerous "asides" and obviously fabricated situations contribute to a technique which is ingenuous throughout. In illustration of its theme—the successful defiance of the barriers of caste—the story traces the love matches of two ballet girls, one of whom marries into the aristocracy, while the other seeks domestic bliss with a plumber.

The Oxford Repertory Company, in their presentation of the play, avoided either over-emphasising its sentimentalities or indulging in burlesque, which would at once have struck a false note. Mr. Frank Moore gave the most outstanding performance as the tipsy reprobate Eccles.

CAMBRIDGE.

UNDERGRADUATES MORE STUDIOUS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

To many freshmen Michaelmas Term brings their first taste of freedom, nor is it surprising that an occasion like November 5 finds the authorities prepared for emergencies. This year's affair, however, was very quiet compared with its predecessors. For, whether owing to the warnings issued by the Colleges, or to a growing taste for order amongst undergraduates, only six arrests were made. Occasional collisions did, indeed, take place between the police and proctors on the one hand, and undergraduates, assisted, as usual, by the rowdier element of the town, on the other. But these were comparatively harmless.

By way of novelty some smoke bombs lent interest to the proceedings, but these were not part of any tactical scheme and only tended to drive people away from the traditional centre of operations. Probably for the first time not a single helmet was displaced. Indeed, the police force on the whole suffered more from the low temperature than anything else.

People, therefore, may legitimately wonder whether the type of undergraduate now in residence is more studious and less exuberant than his predecessors. There are certainly grounds for believing this, if for no other reason than that College authorities are tending more and more to prefer the intellectual to the Achillean temperament. On the other hand, it must be remembered the whole field of University discipline appears to be undergoing a drastic tightening up, and consequently the less responsible elements find discretion the better part of valour.

WIDENING THE CAM.

It appears that the proposed widening of the Cam between Morley's Holt and the Pike and Eel will be proceeded with as soon as the Conservators and the C.U.B.C. are agreed on their respective contributions. The scheme, if carried out, should greatly improve rowing on the Cam by converting the present series of bends to one long straight from the Reach to the Horse Grind.

VICTORIAN MELODRAMA.

After presenting, each for the first time in England, a German, a Spanish, and a Russian play, Mr. Anmer Hall entertained Cambridge during the past week with "Temptation, or the Fatal Brand," by W. Thompson Townsend.

There are two ways of producing a Victorian melodrama. The conventional sentiments may be seriously delivered. The players will then appear to believe in their own probability, and the movements of their eloquent eyebrows will be controlled. The joke lies in their utter imposture, and in the reflection that such things were once taken seriously. Or the characters may be burlesqued. In that case melodrama becomes farce, the wicked laugh is over-emphasised, and all the members of the audience feel, in their heart of hearts, self-righteously glad that they are more enlightened than their forefathers.

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie was probably right in choosing the second way. Everyone seemed pleased. But it is possible that laughter would have been more genuine if the whole thing had been played straight. The snowflakes in the dark wood were a trifle over-large, and Miss Marion Anderson would have had less difficulty in portraying the white innocence of the heroine if Mr. Roy Malcolm's villain had been a little less satanic. More music would have been welcome (the evening was short), but no one failed to appreciate Mr. David Horne for so deliciously remembering that a Victorian gentleman averted his eyes when a lady was climbing over a wall.

The crowds which greeted the fun will have at least an equal reason for their attendance during the coming week, when Miss Gillian Scaife resumes her public acquaintance with Ibsen's "Nora."

LECTURES.

Next week there will be a variety of lectures. On Monday Mr. H. G. G. Payne on "The recent excavations at Perachora, near Corinth"; on Wednesday, Mr. Z. N. Brooke will give the first of the Birbeck lectures on "The English Church and the Papacy"; and on Thursday Mr. H. Granville Barker will give the Clark lecture on "Dramatic Method," in the Hall of Trinity. The Sidgwick Memorial Lecture will be given by Professor A. V. Hill on November 22 in Newnham College Hall. The subject will be "Biology and Education."

To-morrow the sermon in Great St. Mary's Church will be preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The new Education Society held its first meeting to-day, when Sir Percy Nunn gave an address on "What is Wrong With Education."

LONDON.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF LAW STUDENTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The development of the Law Faculty in the University is a striking example of the success which usually attends on boldness. The University of London has great natural advantages as a centre of law teaching. The presence of the Courts of Justice guarantees that academic study of law can be kept in touch with its living practice. The Inns of Court have magnificent libraries which can be used by those who combine their academic with their professional work and which may, it is hoped, ultimately become available more widely to research students.

Yet not till ten years ago did the University have any teacher of law giving the greater part of his time to teaching as distinct from professional work, and not till six years ago was it possible for students to study law in the University by day. All the lectures for law degrees were given in the evening alone. The decision of the three colleges concerned—University College, King's College, and the School of Economics—to put on a day course in law for the LL.B. degree and provide the necessary teaching, represented an experiment for which no guarantee of success could be given. There was no certainty that any appreciable numbers of students would be forthcoming. Actually, in the first year over forty day students registered, and last session there were 119 by day and 80 in the evening. This session there are well over 200 undergraduate students of law, numbers comparable to those of either Oxford or Cambridge.

MEETING A REAL NEED.

The growth of students in these six years has been accompanied by a corresponding growth in the teaching body. There are now nine full-time teachers of law in the University (including three professors), four part-time teachers on the regular staff, and ten lecturers dealing with special subjects.

The development of law in London has not been confined to the undergraduate side. The newly instituted LL.M. degree, under regulations again revised this year, is attracting growing numbers of students. This year a further experiment made by the colleges concerned in providing seminar courses of study for this degree has again been shown to meet a real need. The LL.M. degree is now in nearly all cases a prerequisite for taking the Higher Degree of LL.D. It is likely, indeed, that the greatest future development of Law in the University of London will lie more on the side of advanced studies and of law in relation to other branches of learning than on the undergraduate side or of law in its more practical aspects. These last are dealt with by the professional teaching bodies, the Inns of Court and the Law Society; the University will perform its most useful function, without endeavouring either to duplicate the work of these bodies or to incorporate them. Their professional responsibilities compel them to stand in the same formal relation to all universities, though no doubt their physical nearness to the University will lead to close voluntary co-operation on many lines.

INDOOR SPORTS.

Badminton and fencing are two of the most flourishing games in the London colleges, where the students are bound to find some indoor exercise on most days of the week. There is keen inter-collegiate rivalry, and the badminton teams show very good form. The University team, however, lost to Alexandra Palace last week on the School of Economics court, which appears to be sought after for important matches because of its special lighting arrangements. The match between London University and Cambridge is due to be played there next Thursday.

Fencing is capable of being practised anywhere, and where there are flat roofs can be, and is, enjoyed in the open. Special provision for fostering both sports will no doubt be made if and when the much-hoped-for students' union or day house materialises on the Bloomsbury site.

"LAST POST" AT WINDSOR.

At Windsor Garrison Church to-day representatives of the Household Cavalry and Brigade of Guards will lay wreaths by their respective memorials. Irish Guards' pipers will play "Oft in the Stilly Night," and the choir will sing the Contakion for the faithful Departed. The Irish Guards will sound the Last Post, and the Life Guards the Reveillé. The Life Guards' band will assist in the service.

ABERDEEN'S NEW RECTOR.

ELECTION OF SIR ARTHUR KEITH.

VOTE BY NATIONS.

INTERESTING SURVIVAL OF ANCIENT USAGE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ABERDEEN, Saturday.

Sir Arthur Keith, the learned physician and surgeon, whose theories regarding the immortality of man have brought him into conflict with orthodox opinion, was to-day appointed Rector of Aberdeen University for the ensuing three years, in succession to the late Lord Birkenhead, by the vote of the "Nations," which comprise the University electorate. It is the first occasion on which both the Chancellor (Lord Meston) and the Rector are graduates of the University.

The method of election is one of the few things which still remain on the footing on which they were placed when the university was founded at the end of the fifteenth century. The students appoint the Rector and vote by Nations. This system was borrowed from the University of Paris when the University of Aberdeen was founded. There are four Nations, into which the students are divided according to their place of birth. The Mar Nation includes students born in the City of Aberdeen and the surrounding district; the Buchan Nation includes the remainder of the students born in the County of Aberdeen and in the County of Banff; the Moray Nation contains the students born in the remainder of the North of Scotland, including the Western Islands and Orkney and Shetland; the Angus Nation contains all students not included in the three Nations already mentioned.

CONDUCTED BY THE SENATE.

The election itself is conducted by a committee of the Senatus Academicus. The students assemble by Nations and vote for the appointment of a Procurator for each Nation. The Procurator of each Nation then proceeds to a meeting of the Senatus election committee, and there each Procurator is asked by the chairman of the committee, who is the Principal of the university, for whom he votes.

The candidate with the majority of Procurator votes is appointed Rector. If, however, two Procurators vote for one candidate and two Procurators for another, the total votes recorded for the various Procurators are added up and the candidate with the largest number of student votes is appointed Rector.

PROCURATORS' POWERS.

It may happen, of course, that a candidate may be elected by the votes of three Procurators, although he does not have the majority of the individual student votes.

The candidates on this occasion were Mr. John Buchan, M.P., and Sir Arthur Keith. Normally the election is run on political lines, but on this occasion Mr. John Buchan was put forward as a Conservative candidate, while Sir Arthur Keith was nominated as a non-political candidate. Altogether 310 votes were given for Sir Arthur Keith's procurators and 231 for Mr. Buchan's. Less than 50 per cent. of the students voted.

It is the invariable custom that before the election day the contending parties have a fight. Each party carries a flag and takes up its stance at the North or South side of the quadrangle in Marischal College. The ammunition used is pease-meal. On this occasion the supporters of Sir Arthur Keith captured the flag belonging to the supporters of Mr. John Buchan.

IN BLAZING ROOM.

WIDOW RESCUED BY CONSTABLE.

The rescue by a policeman of Mrs. Maria Johnson, a widow, who was trapped in a blazing room of her flat in Great Ormonde Street, Bloomsbury, was witnessed yesterday by a large crowd which gathered outside the house.

Mrs. Johnson was boiling a kettle on an oil stove when the oil caught alight and the flames quickly spread in the room. Mrs. E. J. Rees, who was passing, saw flames coming from the windows of the flat and told P.C. Sawyer, who dashed upstairs, and making his way through the flames, brought Mrs. Johnson out. The fire brigade quickly extinguished the fire, which was confined to the flat.

Mrs. Johnson stated that when the oil caught fire she tried to put out the flames with a rug, but it was quite useless. "Before I knew where I was," she added, "the whole room was blazing."

POLISH FINANCE.

MR. CHARLES DEWEY'S CONFIDENCE.

WARSAW, Saturday.

A farewell banquet was given last night by M. Matzuszewski, Minister of Finance, in honour of Mr. Charles Dewey, the American financial adviser to the Polish Government and a director of the Bank of Poland, who has retired.

Replying to the toast of his health proposed by the Minister, Mr. Dewey, speaking of the economic situation in Poland, said that in spite of the unfavourable situation on the money markets of the world during the last two years, Poland had been able to preserve her economic bases in a sound condition so that she had been able to profit by any improvement that had come along. Poland also had succeeded in maintaining the equilibrium of the Budget in contrast with so many other countries which could only show deficits.

Mr. Dewey expressed the conviction that when foreign capitalists were again seeking outlets for their capital in foreign loans Poland would receive her just share, and, in conclusion, he thanked the Minister of Finance and the other members of the Cabinet for their close collaboration. The seven years he had spent in Poland had been the happiest of his life.—Reuter.

DIED WHILE MOTORING.

DRIVER STOPS CAR BEFORE COLLAPSE.

While motoring at Hounslow yesterday Mr. Archibald John Moscrop, of Staines Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, was taken ill. He died, before medical aid could be summoned, in the presence of his wife.

Mr. Moscrop was formerly chairman of Sunbury Urban District Council.

A motor cyclist named Frederick Welsh, of Moreton Place, Flamstead, who was found injured during the storm on Friday night, between Redbourn and Markyate, died yesterday. Near his machine was a quantity of red glass, and a Nottingham lorry driver has reported that a red hurricane lamp at the rear of his lorry had been smashed and the glass was missing. It is believed that Welsh crashed into the rear of the lorry.

Cecil George Blythman, aged 14, of Gloucester Road, Old Woking, was cycling home from work when he pulled out from an omnibus and collided with a car. He was thrown in front of the bus and was killed.

HOTELS.

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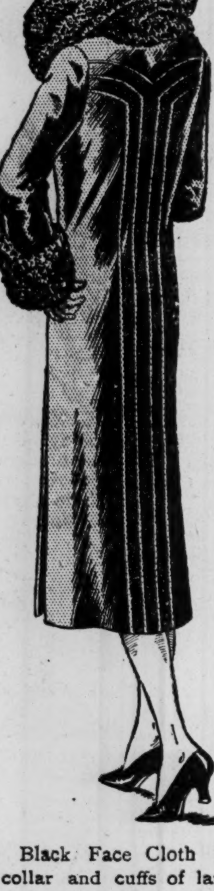

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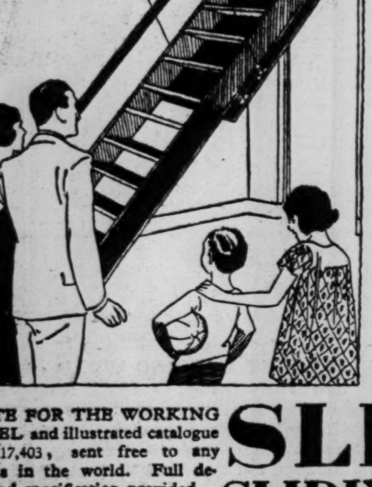

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LORD MAYOR'S DAY.

TO-MORROW'S PAGEANT OF EMPIRE.

FOUR ELEPHANTS IN PROCESSION.

As befits the inauguration of a Lord Mayoralty which coincides with the concluding stages of an Imperial Conference, a "Pageant of Empire" will be the main feature of the Lord Mayor's show to-morrow. The procession is due to leave Guildhall fifteen minutes before noon. The route to the Law Courts and thence back to the City, with the approximate time-table, is given below:—

Gresham Street (Guildhall)	**11.46**
Mansion House	**12. 0**
Leadenhall Street	**12.15**
Fenchurch Street	**12.30**
Cannon Street	**1. 0**
St. Paul's Churchyard	**1. 5**
Ludgate Circus	**1.30**
Law Courts (arr.)	**1.45**
Law Courts (dep.)	**2.30**
Charing Cross	**3. 0**
Embankment	**3. 5**
Blackfriars Bridge	**3.20**
Guildhall	**3.40**

The leading car in the Empire section, arranged by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, is designed to illustrate the advantages of buying National Mark produce. It will be preceded by two heralds bearing aloft the National Mark Emblem. Seated in front will be a figure of Britannia. John Bull will be shown presiding over a counter, at which is seated a woman shopper, accompanied by a little girl. The car will be surmounted by a canopy, roofed with the Union Jack, and bearing around the sides the words "Home Produce." Following the car, four attendants, in costume, will carry National Mark banners.

DECORATED ELEPHANTS.

The contribution by India to the Show will be on novel lines. It will consist of four elephants decorated with trappings and caparisons after the style of State processions in India. The first two will march abreast, and will be followed by the other two in single file. The two latter will each carry a howdah, one howdah representing a Mohammedan building and the other a Hindu temple. Ten men dressed in processional costume will accompany the elephants

The Dominions, too, will have worthy exhibits. One of the Canadian cars, for instance, will consist of a representation of a temple to the goddess Ceres, with the goddess enthroned, surrounded by Canadian grain and fruit. Four Canadian mounted police will provide an escort. In the case of Australia, on the front of its car will be half a Christmas pudding, 6 ft. 6 in. in diameter. From a section that is removed a young woman dressed to typify Australia will emerge to supply Australian products to John Bull, who will be seated on a table at the end of the car. The exhibits from the other Dominions will be equally interesting.

THE BOY PLAYERS.

Near the head of the procession will be the Lord Mayor's Boy Players, who were revived last year. The Boy Players, who will be in their ceremonial robes, are the direct successors of the Boy Players of the days of Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth.

Three Scottish shepherds, in national costume, with their sheep dogs, will form part of the exhibit of the Animal Defence Society. With banners and pennons flying, St. Bartholomew's Hospital will draw attention to their £1,000,000 appeal fund. One of the pennons will portray Sir Richard (Dick) Whittington and his equally famous Cat. Sir Richard had close association with "Barts."

Another of the features of the procession will be "The Big Trail" wagon, which was built and used 100 years ago, when British pioneer settlers opened up the Great North-West. The car of the Worshipful Company of Paviors will show models of old and tortuous roads of former times, while that of the Worshipful Company of Bakers will show a bake-house table, with bakers moulding dough.

INDIAN AIR MAIL.

A LONGER PERIOD FOR REPLIES.

At the request of the Indian authorities, and to allow users of the England-India Air Mail a longer period in which to reply to letters arriving by aeroplane from England, the departure of the weekly mail from Karachi to England has been retarded from Tuesday to Wednesday each week.

"This now means," an official of Imperial Airways explained, "that a business man in India who has received a letter by air from London on Saturday has until the following Tuesday night in which to deal with any question it may contain before he need dispatch his return air letter to England.

"This England-bound air mail, which leaves Karachi each Wednesday, arrives in London on the following Wednesday. In the reverse direction, the mail leaving London each Saturday morning, arrives in India in the early afternoon of the following Saturday."

BURGLARS' GOOD TIME.

£50 IN CASH AND BOTTLES OF BEER AND WHISKY.

Burglars who broke into Burton Buildings, West Street, Brighton, during Friday night, not only stole nearly £50, but drank a number of bottles of beer and three bottles of whisky.

Burton buildings is a tall structure, and the thieves appear to have visited each floor in turn. On the second floor, at the Stadium Club they secured between £40 and £50 from a till and regaled themselves with refreshment. On the top floor there is a miniature golf course, and here 23s. was missing.

OLD BAILEY CALENDAR.

LORANG'S THE PRINCIPAL TRIAL IN A LIGHT LIST.

The calendar for the November Session of the Old Bailey, which opens on Tuesday, is a comparatively light one, there being only sixty-four persons for trial up to yesterday.

The principal case down for hearing is that of Francis Lorang (49), director, whose trial was postponed from the last two sessions. Lorang is charged with making, circulating, or publishing a false statutory report of the Blue Bird Petrol, Ltd., with intent to deceive or defraud shareholders, and fraudulently taking or applying for his own use or benefit, or for uses or purposes other than those of other Blue Bird companies, of which he was also a director, certain property of those companies.

Another case of interest is that of Albert Edward James Brand (37), secretary, and Edward Ernest Frederick Dennis (23), waterman, who are charged with setting fire to a pleasure boat, the Southend Britannia, at Southend, and conspiring with other persons to commit the offence.

NEW JAPANESE CRUISER.

TOKIO, Saturday.

The 10,000-ton cruiser Maya was launched at Kobe to-day in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

Of the twelve 8-in. gun cruisers allowed to Japan under the terms of the London Naval Treaty only the Chokai, which is now being constructed at Nagasaki, remains to be launched.—Reuter.

NO BID FOR A THRONE—YET.

HUNGARIAN ROYALISTS AND PRINCE OTTO.

"LADY IN BLACK."

RUMOURED VISIT OF EX-EMPRESS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BUDAPEST, Saturday.

Great preparations are being made in Hungarian Legitimist circles for the celebration of Otto von Habsburg's, the Legitimist throne claimant, attaining his majority on November 20. All Legitimist leaders categorically deny that there will be any attempt at a putsch on this date.

Much talk, however, has been caused by the mysterious visits of the Swedish Crown-Prince Gustav Adolf and of the ex-Crown-Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria to the palace of Bishop Count Johann Mikes, in Szombathely. Bishop Mikes has always been one of the most active of Legitimists, and on the occasion of the second Monarchist putsch by ex-Emperor Karl in 1921, played a prominent rôle, and allowed his house to become the ex-Emperor's headquarters.

During the week much excitement was caused by the report that simultaneously with the visits of these two princes, Bishop Mikes was visited by "a lady dressed in black, accompanied by a slender youth of 18."

CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT.

In the present state of uncertainty in Central Europe, partly due to the revelation of detailed plans for a monarchist putsch in Austria (which was prevented at the last moment) by the Legitimist General Ellissen and his Heimwehr, every widow accompanied by a boy between 17 and 20 is immediately suspected to be the ex-Empress Zita visiting Hungary with her son. On this occasion the Government denied that she had been to Hungary, but Count Joseph Hunyady, Chamberlain to ex-Empress Zita, has declined to discuss the whole incident of Bishop Mikes' visitors except to give the assurance that there is no word of truth in the rumours of a pending putsch in Hungary.

On Otto's birthday his veteran supporter, Count Albert Apponyi, will address a banquet to be given by the members of the "League of the Holy Crown" on the importance of the declaration which is to be made officially that Otto has attained his majority.

THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

The coveted Order of the Golden Fleece is to be conferred by Otto on Count Johann Zichy and Count Anton Sigray. This is the famous Roman Catholic order of the Habsburgs which used to be described as the most exclusive in the world. On November 15 a Legitimist deputation is leaving Budapest, under the leadership of Baron Szterenyi and Count Johann Zichy, for Steenockerzeel to convey to "King Otto" the devotion of his Legitimist subjects on the occasion of his eighteenth birthday.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

BUSINESS PREMISES IN HOLBORN.

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An official of J. Lyons and Co. Ltd., who did the catering for the London banquet, said that salted pea-can nuts were a feature of the menu. "These nuts are not popular here," he added, "and we had difficulty in obtaining sufficient supplies. We estimate that we have bought up all the stock in London!"

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Sunday Times

No. 420.] LONDON, SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 1830. [Price 7d.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Brougham gave notice of a motion for the abolition of negro-slavery.

Died, at his house, in the parish of Kilmuir, Isle of Skye, on the 10th ultimo, Lieutenant Soirle Macdonald, at the very advanced age of 106. He expired not of any particular complaint, but merely from decay and exhaustion. He has left three children under ten years of age.

The splendid liveries to be worn by the servants of the Lord Mayor at the approaching entertainment to be given to His Majesty are now complete. They are blue and scarlet, with a profusion of gold lace, most elaborately worked. The postilions' dress is considered to be peculiarly rich and elegant.

The Duke of Wellington, on his way to the House of Lords on Thursday, was followed by some persons who loudly hissed and groaned as his Grace's carriage passed along the streets. Several stones were flung at the carriage, but without doing injury to any person; the carriage passed on at a rapid rate.

In the course of a few days we are promised the "Life of Sir Humphry Davy," by Dr. Paris. This work is to contain a vast mass of entertaining correspondence of the great philosopher, furnished to the biographer by Lady Davy and by Davies Gilbert, Esq., President of the Royal Society. Mr. Emerson's "History of Modern Greece," from its conquest by the Romans to the present time, is on the eve of appearance.

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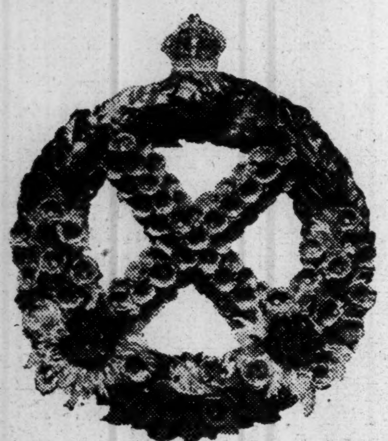

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CEREMONY IN ANCIENT CITY CHURCH.

BRIDE IN IVORY SATIN GOWN.

Considerable interest was taken in the City yesterday in the wedding at St. Ethelburga-the-Virgin Church, Bishopsgate, of Lady Ursula Chetwynd-Talbot, eldest daughter of the late Viscount Ingestre, M.V.O., and of Lady Winifred Pennoyer, and Mr. Hector Stewart, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stewart, of Lady Mede, Kimble, Buckinghamshire.

The invitations to the ceremony were scanned, for the church is very small and was unable to hold more than relatives and intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom, but there was a larger gathering at the reception at 115, Eaton Square, where Lady Winifred Pennoyer received the guests.

Lady Ursula wore a dress of ivory satin. The simple bodice was sleeveless and cut with a low V back, finishing at the waist in a soft satin bow. Her skirt fell in flutes to her ankles and was slightly lengthened at the back to form a short train A narrow scarf of antique lace was draped round her shoulders, and she wore her long tulle veil well back on her forehead, where it was starred with orange blossoms, similar blossoms being arranged in clusters over her ears. She wore a long spray of rich red roses down the left side of the corsage, and carried a white silk pochette.

The Earl of Shrewsbury, the bride's brother, gave her away, and her small stepbrother, Master Kim Pennoyer, was the only attendant He wore a Romney suit of ruby red velvet and wore a tie-pin the gift of the bridegroom. Dr. Geikie Cobb, the rector of St. Ethelburga's Church, officiated, with the Rev. the Hon. Sydney Maitland, rector of Ingestre, Stafford, and the Rev. Robert Hack, rector of Kimble, Princes Risborough. Mr. Alastair Stewart was best man to his brother. Guests present in the church, which was built in the first half of the fifteenth century, included :—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stewart, Lady Joan and Lady Audrey Talbot, Miss Helen Stewart, the Marquess and Marchioness of Anglesey, the Countess of Pembroke, the Earl of Uxbridge, the Earl and Countess of Drogheda, the Countess of Ilchester, Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden, Viscount and Viscountess Hood, Lord Victor Paget, Lady Rose, Lady Katharine and Lady Elizabeth Paget, Lady Gwendolen Little, Lord Herbert, the Hon. Lady Talbot, the Hon. Mrs. Sydney Maitland, and Miss Maitland, Sir Archibald Ritchie, Mrs. Arthur Talbot, Miss Anne Talbot, Mr. Humphrey Talbot, Miss Bridget Talbot, Miss Kathleen Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cuthbert Stewart, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Ian Scott, the Misses Scott, Mr and Mrs. John Gilliat and Misses Gilliat, Mrs. Snell, Major and Mrs. Johnston and Miss Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Glover, Miss J. Mitchell, Mrs. John Blew, Miss M. Hartman, Dr. and Mrs. Burra, Mrs. Arthur Crichton, Mr. Michael Renshaw, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pearson and the Misses Pearson, Captain and Mrs. Robert Hartman, Captain and Mrs. Maitland Wilson, Mrs. Snell, Miss J. Pike, Mrs. Seymour Corkran, Dr. George C. Cathcart, Dr. and Mrs. Lennox Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. Percival Hardy, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Tatton Bower, General and Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Edith Olivier, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hartley, Mrs. Charles Nicholl and Miss Rosemary Nicholl, Mrs. John Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Waddy, Mr. John Kennedy, Mrs. Holt, Miss Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Ernest Coats and Miss A. Coats, Mr. J. Coats, Mrs. A. Guthrie, Mrs. Keith Donald Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, Captain and Mrs. James Doyle, Mr. C. McCormick, Mrs. John McCormick, Mrs. Durling, and Mrs. Gray.

LIEUT. GEOFFREY TANNER AND MISS VIOLET WARD.

The wedding took place at St. Saviour's Church, Walton Street, London, yesterday, of Miss Violet Isabel Ward and Lieutenant Geoffrey Tanner, Royal Navy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tanner, of The Glen, Worthing, Sussex. The bride is the only daughter of the late Commander George Desborough Ward, Royal Navy, and of Mrs. Graham, of Rosehill, Whitehaven, and she was escorted to the church and given away by her uncle, Mr. Cecil W. Ward.

A gown of deep cream coloured satin, cut on mediæval lines, with a close fitting bodice, and a long full skirt with ruchings giving a crinoline effect at the waist, suited the bride's tall slim figure to perfection. A twisted rope of pearls, which fell in two tassels to the hem of the skirt, encircled the natural waistline, and a long satin train, lined with blush pink chiffon, and decorated with a panel of antique lace down the centre, hung from the shoulders. Antique lace was also used for the bridal veil, which was worn beneath a coronet of pearl leaves, and a bouquet of white carnations and lilies-of-the-valley was carried. Miss Ward's bridal retinue consisted of three tiny children, a little page, Master John Graham, who carried the train, and two tiny bridesmaids, Miss Rosemary Bridgeman and Miss Jill Burnyeat.

Prebendary Osborne (vicar of the church) officiated at the ceremony, and both the bridegroom and his best man, Lieutenant Moir, Royal Navy, were in uniform. As the bride and bridegroom left the church, they passed beneath an arch of swords formed by brother officers of the bridegroom. After the ceremony a reception was held by Mrs. Graham, the bride's mother, at the Hans Crescent Hotel, and among the guests present were :—

Sir Ernest and Lady Meinertzhagen, Mr. C. L. C. Ward, Mr M. de S. C. Ward, Miss Tanner, Miss B. Tanner, Mrs. Cecil Ward, Mrs. E. Graham, Mr. W. H. P. Burnyeat, Colonel Burnyeat, Miss Joan Burnyeat Captain W. M. Burnyeat, and the Misses Burnyeat, Mrs. M. E. Burnyeat, Miss M. U. B. Burnyeat, Mrs. W. M. B. Burnyeat, Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. Myles F. Burnyeat, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Symons, Mr. N. Bridgeman, Lieutenant and Mrs. Maud, Mrs. Bridgeman, Commander and Mrs. Phillips, Miss Macfarlane, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Bruce Dresser Mrs. Holman, Miss Wisely, Miss Celia Wisely, Captain and Mrs. Usborne Moore, and Miss Usborne Moore, Miss Meikle, Lieutenant Currey, Mrs. Redpath, Miss McCowan, Mr. and Mrs Crichton McCowan, Mrs. Gresley and Miss Gresley Mrs. Thornhill, Lieutenant Orpen, Mrs. Garnons Williams, Commander and Mrs. Garnons Williams, Miss Neva Fane, Mr. and Mrs. Thom Postlethwaite, the Misses Westray, Mr. Lionel Westray Mrs. Brandt, Miss Eleanor and Miss Betty Brandt, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Mayo, Miss Gladstone, and Miss Musgrave.

MR. CLAUDE POLLARD AND MISS ISABEL GRAY.

The wedding of Mr. Claude Pollard, F.R.A.M., and Miss Isabel Gray, daughter of Mr. John Gray, of Newport, Fife, took place yesterday at the Catholic Apostolic Church, Gordon Square. Mr. Pollard is a professor at the Royal Academy of Music, and a well-known teacher of the pianoforte, and his bride is the well-known Scottish pianist. Two of the priests at the church officiated at the ceremony, and the organist was Mr. Thalben Ball, of the Temple Church. Mr. Herbert Kinsey acted as the best man.

The bride wore a graceful gown of parchment tinted satin beauté, cut with a long flounced skirt, and a fitting bodice, with long tight-fitting sleeves. The bodice was gauged to fit her figure at the waist, and she wore a long ivory tulle veil, which fell to the ground as a train, and was held in position by a cluster of orange blossom and a spray of lace and silver flowers which fell over her shoulder at one side. Miss H. Margaret Gray, the bride's sister, was the only attendant, and her charming frock of palest apricot tinted tulle and watered velvet was cut with a long skirt, consisting of alternate bands of velvet and tulle, and a fitting bodice with long sleeves.

There was no reception, but a small luncheon party was held after the ceremony at the Piccadilly Hotel. The bride and bridegroom are having a short honeymoon, owing to the professional engagements of both, and when the bride left London she was wearing a cherry coloured charmeuse frock and hat to match, with a natural black musquash fur coat.

Obituary.

A BOAT RACE VETERAN.

JUDGE COVENTRY.

CAMBRIDGE BLUE OF 1860.

NO. 5 WHO ROWED IN A STRAW HAT.

The "father" of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race died yesterday in the person of his Honour Judge Millis Coventry, of West Drive, Streatham Park, who was a member of the Light Blue crews of 1860 and 1861. Mr. Coventry, who was born in 1838, was called to the Bar in 1864, practised on the Northern Circuit, and was appointed a County Court Judge in 1886. He retired twenty-five years ago.

It is men such as Millis Coventry who disprove the suggestion now frequently heard that the strain of the Boat Race weakens the constitution. There was no weakness to be discerned in him, even when he had become an octogenarian. At the age of 90 he was still leading what he called a normal life, and he gave proof of his claim to be enjoying it despite his years.

He attributed his long-preserved fitness to his rowing. He learned to scull when he was eight years old, and when he went up to Trinity Hall from King's College School he soon made a reputation. He was Number Five in the Cambridge boat of '60 and '61.

HARD WORK IN THE SIXTIES.

"Rowing was real hard work in those days," he told an interviewer who sought his views shortly after he had celebrated his 90th birthday. "We wore straw hats in the Sixties. The chief difference between the races then and now is the sliding seat. I myself never used a sliding seat. We ate very well and trained hard. We had chops for breakfast and joints and milk puddings for dinner. We drank a certain amount of beer and had one glass of port every night."

It was a great disappointment to Mr. Millis Coventry that a chill made it impossible for him to attend the Boat Race centenary dinner.

MISS CLARE EAMES.

ACTRESS WHO ENJOYED SHAVIAN ROLES.

Playgoers in two continents will realise a loss to the dramatic stage in the death of Miss Clare Eames, the American actress, at a Richmond nursing home yesterday morning.

Born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1896, and educated at Cleveland, Ohio, and in Paris, Miss Eames studied for the stage at the American Academy of Dramatic Art, and made her theatrical début in "The Big Scene," at Greenwich Village Theatre, New York, in 1918. She was an outstanding success in character parts, and made her first London appearance as Christina in "The Silver Cord" at the Apollo Theatre. Altogether she had acted in twenty-five plays, taking the part of Mary Stuart in John Drinkwater's play of that name, and Lady Macbeth in the "Macbeth" by James Hackett.

A close friend of Miss Eames told the SUNDAY TIMES yesterday that she enjoyed most acting in Mr. G. B. Shaw's plays, notably as Proserpine Garnet in "Candida"; other of his plays in which she appeared were "The Man of Destiny," and "Androcles and the Lion." Early this year Miss Eames took part in the revival of "Milestones." She was the wife of Mr. Sidney Howard, the American dramatist.

DEAN OF ST. DAVID'S.

The Dean of St. Davids (the Very Rev. William Williams) died yesterday at the Deanery, St. Davids. He was in his 83rd year, and, having been ordained in 1872, he had served the Church for nearly sixty years.

During his deanship he had been very active, and restored the Trinity Chapel in the cathedral and placed a peal of bells in the Octagonal Tower. He was a fluent preacher, both in English and in Welsh.

SIR ARTHUR REID.

The death occurred on Friday of Sir Arthur H. S. Reid, of Pamphill Manor House, Wimborne, Dorset, who had a distinguished legal career in India.

Educated at Harrow and Trinity Hall, Sir Arthur was called to the Bar in 1874, and seven years later accepted the appointment of Professor of Law in Allahabad University. For a brief period he was Public Prosecutor of the North-West Provinces, and then became Dean of Law Faculty in the Punjab University. In 1896 he was appointed judge of the chief court of the Punjab, reigning as chief judge from 1909 to 1914, when he retired.

MR. R. L. OUTHWAITE.

The death was announced yesterday of Mr. R. L. Outhwaite, member of Parliament from 1912 to 1918 for the Hanley Division, and a leader of the movement for land reform. He died on Thursday evening, at his home at Birdham, Sussex.

The son of a Yorkshire pastoralist, who emigrated to Australia, Mr. Outhwaite came to England from South Africa after the close of the Boer War, and entered English political life on the Liberal platform.

During the 1906 election he unsuccessfully contested the West Birmingham division against Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. In 1912, at a bye-election, he secured his return for Hanley.

On the outbreak of war, Mr. Outhwaite joined the Independent Labour Party, and took a prominent part in the campaign against the continuation of hostilities. At the General Election in 1918 he was defeated at Hanley. His health broke down, and he retired from political life to devote himself to the advocacy, by writing, of land reform. Mr. Outhwaite, who was 62, leaves a widow and two children. His son, Sub-Lieut. Cedric Outhwaite, R.N.V.R., commanded a coastal motor-boat during the war, and was decorated for his part in the Zeebrugge action.

MR. S. HASLUCK.

The death took place yesterday, at Bayswater, London, of Mr. Samuel Hasluck, teacher of elocution and dramatic art.

For many years on the teaching staff at the Regent Street Polytechnic, he more recently conducted his own academy at Bedford Street, Strand.

Mr. Hasluck wrote a number of books on dramatic art.

"PUNCH" ALMANACK.

Many old acquaintances will be recognised in the central double-page colour design depicting Mr. Punch entertaining his artists' models, which is a feature of the "Punch" Almanack (1s.) now available.

Other colour illustrations are George Morrow's "Little Ancient Britons who Discovered where Father Kept the Woad," and a series of nine pictures "One Course One Frock," showing a lady donning a new dress to harmonise with each course and achieving a staggering effect for the savoury.

In the black-and-white section "Mr. Maxton as a Company Promoter," "Miss Amy Johnson as a Nurse-maid (with glad-eye)," "Sir Thomas Beecham as a Charabanc-Conductor," "Mr. G. B. Shaw as a Street-vendor (with apple-cart)," and other celebrities are seen in novel and entertaining rôles.

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VOICES THAT CIRCLE THE WORLD.

IMPERIAL DELEGATES SEE BEAM MARVELS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MINEHEAD, Saturday.

A number of delegates to the Imperial Conference, accompanied by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Dominions, visited the Imperial Beam wireless stations at Dorchester and Bridgwater to-day and watched the reception and transmission of messages to all parts of the world.

Bridgwater and Dorchester are the hub of a network of short-wave beam wireless which, coupled with cables, connects the utmost corners of the world.

The delegates were able to hear members of the party speaking to friends at Montreal, Ottawa, and other places in Canada, and the replies from Canada were heard through loud speakers as clearly as though the people spoken to were in the next room instead of 3,000 to 4,000 miles away.

The Marchese Marconi sat in the room watching his invention being demonstrated.

Mr. J. H. Thomas spoke first and called up Mr. Beatty, of the Canadian Pacific Railways, who was in his office at Montreal. They exchanged greetings, and Mr. Thomas assured him that whatever he might read in the papers he could take it from him that the Imperial Conference would break up with some practical results achieved.

"When are you coming over to see me?" asked Mr. Thomas. "In the spring," answered Mr. Beatty. "I shall still be a Cabinet Minister," Mr. Thomas remarked. Later Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had a private conversation with their son in Montreal.

The guests were shown cartoons and facsimilies of letters and documents which had been telegraphed over the circuit.

AGENT FOR EMPIRE UNITY.

Sir Basil Blackett, chairman of Imperial and International Communications, Limited, speaking at a luncheon at Weymouth, said that the organisation, which was the creation of a special Imperial conference, was not merely a symbol, but an agent for Empire unity. It was by their means that Dominion exchanged thought with Dominion, Colony with Colony, and each of them with the Mother-country. The stations had been kept up-to-date and every useful invention and improvement which had been developed during the past year has been or would be explored. The Empire had the finest system of wireless communication in the world.

Imperial and International Communications, he said, carried in 1929 104 million words between Empire countries, and 73 million words between Empire and foreign countries, this out of a total of 244 million words. They carried 29 million words for Australia, nearly 13 million for New Zealand, 34½ million for India and Ceylon, nearly 15 million for South Africa, nearly 10 million for Canada. They should like to carry far more messages, and had the capacity to do so. Unfortunately the present trade slump was hitting them severely, and it was difficult to carry on many of their services at a profit.

Imperial and International Communications was the creation of a special Imperial Conference, and he felt a special responsibility to try to make the company a true organ of economic co-operation in the Empire.

CONFERENCE SECRET.

Mr. Thomas said that when the results of the Imperial Conference emerged in a few days' time, those who were genuinely anxious for the prosperity and development of the Empire would have no reason to regret the Conference.

Among those who made the trip were :—

The Hon. F. Brennan (Australian Attorney-General), Mrs. and Miss Brennan, Mr. W. Lunn, M.P., and Mrs Lunn, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie and Lady Ryrie, Lieut.-Colonel H. V. B. de Satge, the Rt. Hon. F. G. Kellaway, the Marchese Marconi and the Marchesa Marconi, the Earl of Midleton and Lady Midleton, the Hon. George Peel and Lady Agnes Peel, Col. the Hon. A. G. Brodrick, Sir Charles Barrie, K.B.E., Wing-Commander Sir Norman Leslie, Bart., the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol, and Alderman Percy Boyle and Mrs. Boyle (Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth).

Mr. Scullin, Mr. Brennan and his party left the company after the visit to the Dorchester station and travelled back to London.

BUFFER CRASH AT EUSTON.

ENGINE DRIVER HELD RESPONSIBLE.

"It is evident that the cause of the accident was excessive speed down the gradient approaching Euston," states Colonel A. C. Trench in his report to the Minister of Transport, issued yesterday, on the accident at Euston Station on September 1.

When the Night Scot from Glasgow entered No. 1 arrival platform it came into collision with the hydraulic buffer stops. As a result thirty-four passengers and three of the company's staff suffered from injuries.

Referring to the speed restrictions laid down by the company for trains entering Euston—thirty miles an hour between the south end of Primrose Hill Tunnel and Camden No. 1 box and ten miles an hour passing over the points and crossings south of Euston No. 2 box—he states, "I think it is probable that the former, and certain that the latter, was seriously exceeded."

Colonel Trench expresses the opinion that the main responsibility for the accident must rest upon Driver Glover in charge of the pilot engine. It would appear that Driver Jeffs on the train engine also seriously underestimated the speed when approaching Euston. It was to some extent an error of judgment on his part that he did not appreciate the excessive speed and take the initiative by a more powerful brake application at an earlier moment.

"I feel no doubt," he adds, "that the enforcement of the speed restriction is the most important factor in avoiding buffer stop collisions at this station."

SIGNALMAN WHO FORGOT.

The error of a signalman was responsible for the collision between two excursion trains which occurred near the Ribble Sidings signal-box, Preston, on the London, Midland and Scottish Railway on August Bank Holiday. This fact is revealed in the report issued yesterday of Lieut.-Colonel E. P. Anderson, who inquired into the accident.

Both trains were from Blackpool and one was going to Leeds and the other to Birmingham. The impact was not severe as the Birmingham train was only travelling slowly at the time, but eighty-four passengers and the guard of the Leeds train complained of shock or injuries. The report states :—

"Signalman Clarke admitted that when he lowered the up slow home and starting signals he thought he was doing so for the Birmingham train, and that he had overlooked the standing Leeds train, for which he had actually asked and received acceptance from Skew Bridge before lowering his up slow starter. He is therefore solely responsible for the collision."

BEET LOADING MISHAP.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Oxford yesterday on C. W. J. Weaver (25), a lorry driver, who died in Radcliffe Infirmary from a wound in the forehead caused by a farm fork while loading sugar beet at Standlake, Oxfordshire.

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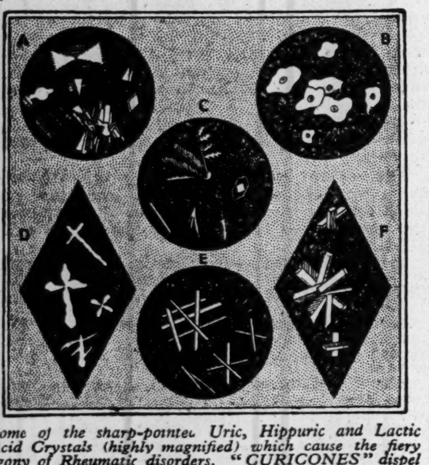

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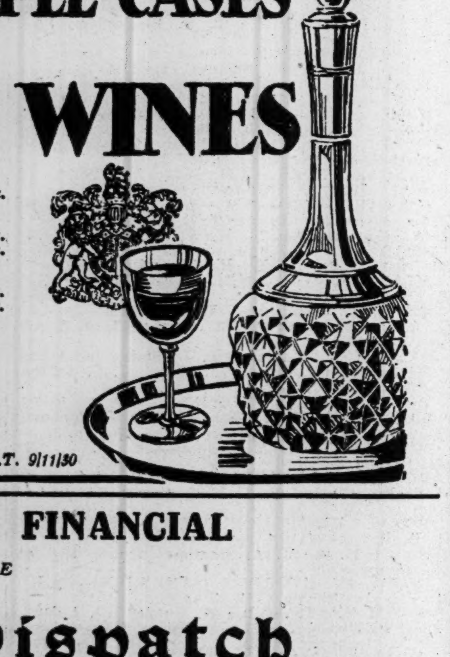

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JEWEL THIEF'S CLIMB.

SLIP THAT THREATENED INSTANT DEATH.

LOOT IN MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S GARDEN.

Jewellery valued about £200 was stolen on Friday from 88, Holland Park, W., the home of Mrs. Bates.

The thief gained access to the house by climbing over the wall of Mr. Lloyd George's house to Addison Road, and then walked along his garden, a distance of about 400 yards. He then climbed up the back of No. 88, Holland Park, and entered the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Bates, which is on the second floor. The robbery took place between nine o'clock in the morning and ten o'clock at night, but no members of Mr. Bates' family or of Mr. Lloyd George's household heard anything.

Mr. Lloyd George was not at his London house on Friday.

"The thief took every piece of jewellery from our bedroom as well as a despatch case and my raincoat," Mr. Bates stated yesterday. "Fortunately, there was nothing of value in the case to anyone but myself. The burglar discovered this, too, for the box and papers were found later on Mr. Lloyd George's lawn, together with the man's own raincoat, which he had discarded. He had also left a few trinkets of small value with the coat. Presumably after carrying out the raid, he coolly examined his loot in Mr. Lloyd George's garden.

"The old coat and a few footprints are the only clues that the police have, but I believe that the case is being examined for finger-prints. The footprints are so large that we think the burglar must have been exceptionally tall. The climb which he had to make was so hazardous that he must have been extremely agile.

A DESPERATE LEAP.

"Our flat is on the second floor; and the bedroom window through which the man got in is 40 ft. from the ground. He climbed two walls, one surmounted by a three-foot high wire netting, went up an iron staircase to the bottom flat, and then scaled a stack-pipe. Then he had to leap or swing himself six feet on to the stone edge of the balcony, and climb over to the balcony itself. From there he sprang to the balcony outside the bedroom.

"There is a white mark on the wall just there, which seems to indicate that the raider slipped and almost fell to certain death. But during all that dare-devil climb and the ransacking of the bedroom, no one in the house heard a sound."

Detectives have found in Mr. Lloyd George's garden a black japanned despatch case. It contained a number of documents, and it is thought that the case was dropped by the thieves in their flight. A brown mackintosh, which was also found, had apparently been discarded in favour of a waterproof stolen from the house.

AXE IN FRANCE.

CUTTING DOWN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

A determined effort is being made by the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies to apply the economic axe so far as public expenditure is concerned.

At the last meeting the Committee adopted a motion proposed by the Socialist, M. Vincent Auriol, which declared that no increase in expenditure upon the administrative services should be sanctioned. If a new post were created, then there must be a compensating reduction in the cost of other services so that there can be no extra charge upon the Budget.

A motion tabled by M. de Lasteyrie, of the Republican Democratic group, also proposed that the Committee should refuse to sanction any expenditure other than that already proposed by the Government in the Budget Estimates, so that if at any time they added to the expenditure of any one section they should make a corresponding economy in another. This was, however, rejected, probably because its provision was sufficiently covered by the resolution already adopted.

The decision of the Finance Committee is interesting in that it reflects a strong current of public opinion. It shows that a great deal of public money now being absorbed in administrative and unproductive services might be much better spent.

FARNHAM CASTLE APPEAL.

ONLY £1,000 REQUIRED.

Mrs. Rupert D. Anderson, Waverley Abbey, Farnham, writes to the SUNDAY TIMES with reference to her appeal for Farnham Castle, details of which appeared in our last issue. Mrs. Anderson says:—

"This historic building has been the home of Bishops of the Church for centuries past, but since the division of the old diocese of Winchester in 1926 it has remained unoccupied, and the new diocese of Guildford has been faced with the task of raising £17,500 required to restore it as an episcopal residence and church or retreat house.

"Despite the financial difficulties now prevailing, this young diocese has done wonderfully well in raising over £16,000 to save its priceless heritage from either remaining derelict or passing into other hands, and, on the principle of helping those who help themselves, we desire to appeal to a wider field to help the diocese in making up the last £1,000 required.

"The future of Farnham Castle will be determined by the diocesan conference on Wednesday next, and it is our ambition to be then in a position to say that we have succeeded in our effort, and that the castle can be saved to the Church and diocese."

WINTER DISTRESS.

WORK OF THE "DAILY SKETCH" FUND.

An attempt to ameliorate the condition of the involuntary poor of London is being made by the "Daily Sketch" Free Meal and Relief Fund. This old-established organisation, which includes among its subscribing patrons the King, the Queen, and the Prince of Wales, has just begun its winter campaign by opening free meal kitchens in many of London's worst poverty areas.

At these centres daily dinners are provided for consumption in the homes. Investigation by social workers precedes any kind of relief. The work is entrusted only to those who live and work among the poor, and who know personally those who are recommended for help. The scheme includes free meals for necessitous families, free milk for nursing mothers and invalids, and other forms of help, distributed by clergy, ministers, and social workers. There is also a "Daily Sketch" convalescent home at Westcliff, where the first party of invalids and the aged are already recuperating.

There is urgent need for funds. A free meal costs but fourpence. Donations should be addressed to the "Daily Sketch" Relief Fund, 196, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

TO CORRESPONDENT:

N. N.—The best way would be to go to your library and turn up the files of the "Daily Telegraph" for that date.—Ed.

INDIANS AT THE PALACE.

RECEPTION BY THE KING-EMPEROR.

CONFERENCE PLANS

KING'S SPEECH TO BE BROADCAST.

At Buckingham Palace yesterday the King and Queen received the Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference, which the King will open on Wednesday. The delegates were presented by Mr. Benn, Secretary of State for India. The advisers and secretariat of the delegation, together with the wives of members and their staff were also present.

The ceremony took place in the State Rooms on the first floor, and about one hundred delegates were present. They shook hands with the King and Queen, and then passed into the other rooms. The ceremony lasted under an hour.

The Round Table Conference will be opened at the House of Lords. The King will motor from Buckingham Palace for the ceremony, and his speech will be broadcast.

The King will again use the special gold and silver microphone, which is known as "the King's microphone." This instrument, which has a solid silver body embellished with the Royal Coat of Arms and cipher in gold, belongs to the Marconiphone Company, and is reserved for the exclusive use of His Majesty.

A silver plate on the case bears the record of the nine previous dates on which it has been used, the last being the opening by the King of the Five Power Naval Conference, also in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords, last January.

The Maharajah of Patiala, Chancellor of the Chamber of Indian Princes, arrived at Dover from Paris yesterday afternoon, and travelled to London by car. All the ruling Princes have now arrived.

"WHERE TO STAY"

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EVADING THE BOYCOTT

BOMBAY'S SECRET TRADE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

When the party of Congress volunteers who held up a lorry last night appeared in Court this morning. evidence was given showing that the lorry contained foreign cloth, which confirms the suspicion that the Bombay cloth merchants, who make a show of suspending business during the day and signing boycott declarations, are doing business by night.

A special correspondent, who has been touring Gujarat, reports that the Government's firm action has broken the back of the No Tax Campaign, and that such cultivators as fell victims to the Congress propagandists, refusing to pay and migrating to neighbouring Indian States, are now returning disillusioned

Villages regarded hitherto as Congress strongholds are now paying up. Auctions of distrained property are no longer boycotted, and are attracting keen bidding.

KARACHI OUTRAGES.

TWO VOLUNTEERS TO BE FLOGGED.

KARACHI, Saturday.

A bomb was thrown at the city police station here last night, but no one was injured. This is the third outrage of its kind within the last month.

Twenty-eight Civil Disobedience Volunteers were sentenced this morning to four months' rigorous imprisonment each, under the Ordinance forbidding picketing. Three more received similar sentences for being in possession of contraband salt.

Sentence of nine stripes was also passed on two volunteers convicted of trespassing on the Court with intent to commit an offence. —Reuter.

LIVE BOMB AT LAHORE.

LAHORE, Saturday.

The police have discovered a live bomb and a quantity of chemicals in the possession of a man named Harichand, who is believed to be the man responsible for the manufacture of the bomb. He has been arrested.—Reuter.

ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN IN CHINA.

LEADERS TO CONFER IN NANKING.

SHANGHAI, Saturday.

The greatest interest is being taken in the forthcoming meeting between Chiang Kai-Shek and Chang Hsueh-Liang, which, according to present arrangements, will take place at Nanking on November 11, when both are to attend the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

It is believed that this meeting between the two most prominent men in China at the present time is the result of an intensive campaign against the Reds, and has been arranged in the hope of furthering the consolidation of peace in China.—Reuter.

FUR WEEK.

Last week's cold spell was a reminder that more wintry days are to come, and that for them a fur coat will be a pleasant necessity. Dickins and Jones Fur Week, which opens to-morrow in their Regent Street shop, will be, therefore, a timely event for those who seek to combine comfort, elegance, and economy. Special reductions in price have been made on all furs, and some of the coats shown—particularly those in Canadian mink —will find ready purchasers.

ALLEGATIONS OF "GRAFT."

COUNCILLOR AWARDED DAMAGES.

INQUIRIES BY SCOTS UNDER-SECRETARY.

Councillor Dollan, of Glasgow Town Council, has succeeded in his appeal in connection with the slander action which was a sequel to the alleged graft in Glasgow municipal affairs.

Sheriff-Principal Mackenzie, yesterday found that a certain occasion upon which the defender, Andrew Rennie, junior, a company promoter, of Glasgow, made statements, he was not privileged. His lordship has awarded Councillor Dollan £75 damages with expenses.

It was alleged that Mr. Rennie told Bailie Hector McNeil and Councillor William Leonard that £10,000 was to be divided among certain members of the Corporation, so that a motor company would receive an important contract in connection with the supply of motor omnibuses. It was further alleged that he again made a similar statement in a tearoom, in the presence of Mr. Tom Johnston, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland.

FIRST DECISION FOR DEFENCE.

Sheriff-Substitute Robertson, at a hearing of proof on June 2, assoilzied the defender from the conclusions of the action, and found the pursuer, Councilor Dollan, who is described as a journalist, liable in expenses. The Sheriff-Substitute held that the three occasions upon which Mr. Rennie made the statements complained of were privileged occasions and that the pursuer had failed to establish that the defamatory statements were made maliciously.

In giving his judgment, the Sheriff-Principal said that it was not a matter of dispute that the statements made by the defender on the three occasions were false and injurious to the character of the pursuer. The defence was that although the statements were defamatory of the pursuer they were made without malice and on privileged occasions.

"NO MORAL DUTY."

Sheriff-Principal Mackenzie held that the Sheriff-Substitute was wrong in holding that the first occasion on which the defender was about to have published the calumnious rumours which he had heard about the pursuer, that was, when he conveyed it on December 25, 1929, to Councillors Leonard and McNeil was privileged.

The Sheriff-Principal was of the opinion that the defender had no moral or social duty to repeat to these gentlemen the very damaging rumour.

In connection with the second occasion in which the defender communicated the rumour to Mr. Tom Johnston there was no clear evidence to show for what purpose Mr. Johnston desired the information. Mr. Johnston was not only a member of Parliament but Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland, and his lordship thought that he must assume that his inquiries were connected with his duties as Under-Secretary.

His lordship was not prepared to dissent from the view of the Sheriff-Substitute that defender had a social or moral duty to inform Mr. Johnston of the particulars of the rumour. He also agreed with the Sheriff-Substitute in regard to the last occasion. In this case the information was not volunteered, and Councillor Smith, to whom it was given, was a member of the special committee investigating the matter.

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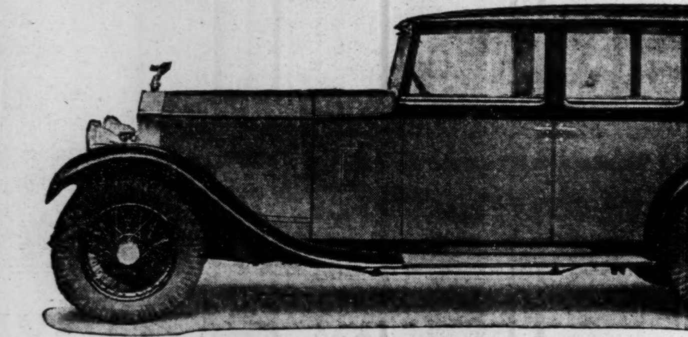

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TRIANGULAR TENNIS.

M.C.C. DEFEAT QUEEN'S CLUB.

CLEVER VETERANS.

By OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

M.C.C. defeated Queen's Club at West Kensington in the second of the triangular tennis matches annually played between the M.C.C., Prince's Club, and Queen's Club by three events to two.

Possibly the most interesting feature when the M.C.C. meet Queen's is the game, which has taken place for several years between R. J. McNair, of Queen's, and Col. P. B. Akroyd, of the M.C.C. McNair is over 60 and Akroyd is not far off, so that the united ages of these fine veterans must be very nearly 120 years. Last year they played for nearly two hours without a break at Queen's, and the match could not be finished. This time they again played for two hours. This is a fine example of the fact that, in tennis, a player's career is by no means at an end at the age of 50.

In tennis, knowledge of how, when, and where to play the stroke is constantly being garnered, and this, with the ability to use a bewildering number of different services, more than neutralises extra strength and mobility of youth.

Ackroyd's Fine Effort.

R. J. McNair (Queen's) beat Col. P. B. Akroyd (M.C.C.) by two sets to one (4—8, 8—6, 8—4). In the first set Akroyd's firm stroke reaped its reward. The games themselves were all fairly close. In the second set McNair got everything back, and kept a fine length. He led by seven games to one. Akroyd won the next two games easily, and probably would have been wise to have let the set go. Instead he made a great effort to win the match outright, but just failed. He led 2—1 in the final set, but the previous effort had taken too much out of him, and McNair, a very astute player, seized his opportunity.

N. F. H. Freudenthal (Queen's) beat R. Aird (M.C.C.) by two sets to love (8—4, 8—2). Freudenthal has very nearly attained the championship class, and one hardly knows how good he is. Aird ought really to be much better than he is. He is a born tennis player, but unfortunately does not pay enough attention to the groundwork of the game.

In the first set Frendenthal led by 6 games to 2, but Aird showed promise of better things by winning the next two games. Frendenthal found the grille twice in the eleventh game, and won the next to 30, for the set. The score was one all in the second set, but, after that, Frendenthal was far too good for his opponent.

A. R. Tanner (M.C.C.) beat D. J. Wardley (Queen's) by 2 sets to love (8—4, 8—2). Wardley has quite a lot of return, but he has little stroke, in the real sense of the word. Tanner is gifted with a wonderful eye, as anyone who has seen him fielding in "the box" can testify, and his stroke is nice and firm, especially on the volley.

Tanner led 4—1 in the first set, but then Wardley, though he could never get on terms, held him on play to the end of the set. In the second set, there were several good games, but Tanner was always the master.

Another Good Veteran.

Colonel E. A. Leaf (M.C.C.) beat Captain G. H. McCaw (Queen's) by 2 sets to love (8—6, 8—3). Leaf is another of the grand veterans of tennis, but looks good for another ten years at least. In this match, as usual, he was very quick to detect any weakness in his opponent, and to play on it. McCaw, a very earnest student of the game, expected Leaf to do one thing, whereas Leaf, thinking a little ahead, frequently did the other.

The games were three all in the first set, and might have been four all, as McCaw led by 40 love in the eighth game. Leaf was 6—3 and 7—5. McCaw won the thirteenth game, was three times within a stroke of the fourteenth, and would have won it if he had left alone a ball which was losing the chase. He lost this game at the end, and with it the set. The second set was even at the start, but after 4—3 Leaf went right away.

Brig.-General E. L. Challenor (M.C.C.) beat Colonel G. Eyre Bruce (Queen's) by two sets to love (8—4, 8—1). Bruce made a good effort in the first set against a player a whole class better than he is. In the second set Challenor served exceedingly well, and Bruce could do nothing right.

LACROSSE.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Surbiton	5	Buckhurst Hill	3
Oxford University	9	Catford	3
Hampstead	8	Cambridge Univ.	7
Lee	14	Willoughby	6

DIVISION II.

Old Dunstonians	8	Purley	3

DIVISION III.

Buckhurst Hill II.	11	Purley II.	1
Lee II.	8	Willoughby II.	5

WESTERN CENTRE.

Brislington	11	Clifton North	4
Clifton South	9	Old Fairfieldians	5
Keynsham	9	Bristol University	4
Kingsweston	3	Wills	2

CLUB MATCH.

Surbiton II.	13	Catford II.	3

RACKETS.

Cheltenham (W. R. A. Fetherstonaugh and C. L. Anley) beat Clifton (W. E. Carr and E. A. Gilson) in a public schools rackets match at Clifton by 15—9, 15—10, 12—15, 15—4, 15—8.

Haileybury College (A. E. C. Vanderfelt and R. D. M. Evers) beat D. G. Middleton and J. N. S. Ridgers at Haileybury by 15—8, 10—15, 9—15, 15—9, 12—15, 15—12, 15—8.

FIVES.

The Old Blues (K. W. Millage, C. R. Black, S. Bloomfield, D. C. Fleming-Williams) beat the Old Paulines (G. Avgherinos, C. G. Sinclair, C. J. Patterson, T. M. Wechsler) at Rugby fives at West Kensington by 143 points to 120.

The Jesters (C. G. Elphick, A. O. S. Henderson, W. P. Jones, G. Oppenheimer) were beaten at Highbury by St. John's Hall (J. L. Woods, E. G. Bevan, R. W. Sitton W. A. Cross), the home side winning by 92 points to 87.

The Old Alleynians beat University College by 170 points to 116.

Emanuel School beat the Old Olavians at Eton fives by two matches to none.

The Old Reptonians beat th eCity of London School by three games to one at Blackfriars.

VARSITY ROWING.

WEALTH OF CHOICE AT CAMBRIDGE.

PROSPECTS OF A GOOD CREW.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

With the fifteen Light Fours crews freed from duty, the C.U.B.C. officials have had a sudden influx of fresh talent to try in the Trial Eights this week, and to cope with the extra number of candidates a third eight has been manned daily, and has been going out under the supervision of Sir Henry Howard.

The president, T. A. Brocklebank (Third Trinity), and the secretary, P. N. Carpmael (Jesus), have instructed the other two crews, and each coach has had an opportunity of seeing all the crews at work by a system of interchange.

The general form displayed this year is high, and very much better than last year.

After a stormy night, beautiful weather favoured the work of the Cambridge Trial Eights this afternoon, and the week's work was rounded off by each crew rowing a bridge-to-bridge course independently up-stream. During the return journey the crews had a slight head wind against them, and they covered the course—a matter of just under one and a-half miles—in between 8 and 9 minutes, rowing at an average rate of 25 to 26 to the minute. All the men were instructed in the tub pairs before the crews got away about three o'clock, and the work was followed by the three coaches, Sir Henry Howard, T. A. Brocklebank, and P. N. Carpmael.

"A Crew.—A. W. Anstey (Jesus) (bow), 11 st. 3 lb.; G. P. Easten (Lady Margaret), 11 st. 4 lb.; E. H. Schupbach (Lady Margaret), 11 st. 1 lb.; L. Luxton (Pembroke), 12 st. 4 lb.; G. B. Shields (Corpus Christi), 13 st. 9 lb.; G. Gray (Queens), 13 st. 4 lb.; C. J. S. Sergel (Clare), 12 st. 3 lb.; F. J. Dodd (Emmanuel) stroke), 11 st. 4 lb.; M. Ranking (Pembroke) (cox), 6 st. 13 lb.

"B" Crew.—K. R. Ogilvie (Christ's) (bow), 10 st. 3 lb.; P. Webb (First Trinity), 11 st. 10 lb.; C. J. B. Palmer (Jesus), 12 st. 4 lb.; H. N. H. Lander (First Trinity), 11 st. 11 lb.; D. St. J. Gogarty (Pembroke), 12 st. 3 lb.; J. I. Moore (Lady Margaret), 12 st. 11 lb.; F. S. A. Doran (Emmanuel), 12 st. 9 lb.; R. B. F. Wylie (Clare), (stroke), 12 st. 10 lb.; C. D. Eberstein (cox), 8 st. 11 lb.

"C" Crew.—H. L. Kitching (Emmanuel) (bow), 11 st.; Issard Davies (Corpus Christi), 1 st. 11 lb.; J. C. Wansey (Selwyn), 13 st.; M. A. Belleville (Jesus), 12 st 13 lb.; O. B. Bevan (Lady Margaret), 12 st. 12 lb.; F. S. R. Foster (Selwyn), 12 st; F. M. Symonds (LRady Margaret), 11 st. 11 lb.; F. J. Connell (Lady Margaret) (stroke), 11 st. 10 lb.; Prince Chula of Siam (First Trinity) (cox), 7 st. 12 lb.

OXFORD'S POSITION.

MANY PROMISING OARSMEN.

OXFORD, Saturday.

With the termination of the Coxwainless Fours last week, the president has been able to devote his attention to the preparation of the Trial Eights crews, and he is certainly doing it in no half-hearted fashion, as since Monday he has had three crews out every afternoon. The race will be rowed at Henley on Saturday, November 29, so that three weeks remain for practice.

To-day's practice was witnessed by a large company, which included the four Old Blues G. C. Drinkwater (Wadham), J. A. Tinne (Univ.), R. P. Rowe (Magdalen), and H. R. Barker (Christ Ch.). The conditions were ideal, as the sun shone brightly, and there was an entire absence of wind. Having won the Sculls, the Varsity secretary, L. Clive (Christ Ch.), had an afternoon off and the coaching of "B" crew was undertaken by P. Johnson (Magdalen), the president advising "A" crew, and C. F. Martineau "C" crew. The president vacated No. 7 thwart in "A" crew which he had temporarily filled on Friday to the exclusion of Garstang, who resumed, and a new stroke was tried in R. W. G. Holdsworth (Brasenose), who stroked the Shrewsbury four at Henley, and Mellor (Pembroke), who had been rowing there, was transferred to Holdsworth's old seat at 2. "A" crew did quite a good amount of work, and after rowing to Iffley and back to the raft, they covered the full course at about 28 to the minute. After the work in the eight, Mellor and Holdsworth were taken out tubbing by the president. "B" crew did all their work in one outing and made two journeys to Iffley and back without disembarking. "C" crew also went the full course twice, but they disembarked after the first journey and during the interval Barmby and Robinson received instruction in a pair. The names and weights of the crews were:—

"A" CREW.—E. A Ellison (New) ,bow), 11 st. ½ lb.; C. Mellor (Pembroke), 10 st. 6½ lb.; R. K. O'Malley (Christ Church), 11 st.; T. W. Childs (Merton) 12 st. 10 lb.; E. N. H. Maby (Trinity), 12 st. 5 lb.; M. G Powell (Trinity), 12 st. 4 lb.; W. L. Garstang (Trinity], 11 st. 7 lb.; R. W. Holdsworth (Brasenose) (stroke), 11st. 9 lb.; D. Pritchard (Worcester) (cox), 9 st.

"B" CREW.—J M. Freeman (University) (bow), 11 st. 8 lb.; N. T. Hankin (Worcester), 11 st. 12 lb.; A. D. Malcolm (Trinity), 12 st. 4½ lb.; C. N. Fairfax (Brasenose), 11 st. 8 lb.; J. Bayly (New), 13 st. 6 lb.; J. C. Guest (Brasenose) 12 st. 12 lb.; J. M. L. Smith (Brasenose), 12 st. 5 lb.; M. Milne Watson (Balliol) (stroke), 11 st. 5 lb.; T. E. Prichard (Exeter) (cox), 8 st.

"C" CREW.—G. E. Halahan (Balliol), 11 st. 9 lb.; A. R. Malcolm (New), 11 st. 6 lb.; P. Aitken (Exeter), 12 st. 7 lb.; T. E. Warren-Sweltenham (Magdalen), 12 st.; J. F. Clappsmills (Balliol), 13 st. 4 lb.; H. Robinson (Queens), 12 st. 5 lb.; F. D. Barmby (Magdalen), 10 st. 9 lb.; C. A. Chadwick Healy (Trinity) (stroke), 11 st. 3½ lb.; L. M. Harvey (St. Peter's Hall) (cox3, 8 st. 7 lb.

SILVER SCULLS.

The final of the Silver Sculls was decided under ideal conditions and attracted a considerable amount of interest. It was fought out by the two Etonians, L. Clive (Christ Church), who had first station, and P. A. Tinne (University). In the first quarter of a mile Tinne held a slight advantage. Going through the Gut, however, he took a bad course, which enabled Clive to get well away. Maintaining his advantage, Clive won by 9 2-5 sec. in 8 min. 4 sec.

ATHLETICS.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY BEAT S.L.H.

Oxford University Hare and Hounds gave further proof of their strength when they defeated South London Harriers, the Southern Counties champions, by 32 points to 46 in a cross-country match over the Shotover course of 7½ miles at Oxford. South London Harriers were not at full strength, and had no runner to extend N. B. Smellie, G. G. Davies, and C. T. Mabey, who finished abreast to credit Oxford with the first three positions. Smellie, Davies, and H. G. Proctor, another Oxonian, led until coming off the plough, when Mabey went ahead, and Proctor dropped back, the leaders taking matters easily from that point to the end. The positions were:—

N. B. Smellie (Denstone and New College), G. G. Davies (Birkenhead and Oriel), and C. T. Mabey (Taunton's, Southampton, and St. Edmund Hall), 43 min. 15 sec., equal 1; L. E. Humphris (South London H.), 43 min. 27 sec., 4; H. G. Proctor (Nottingham H.S and Keble), 43 min. 55 sec., 5; J. G. Stubbs (S.L.H.), L. A. Pool (S.L.H.), H. M. Craske (S.L.H.), and J. M. B. Caie (S.L.H.), 44 min. 32 sec., equal 6; W. H. Stebbing (Bradfield and Balliol), 44 min. 50 sec., 10; R. C. Swingler (Winchester and New College), 44 min. 55 sec., 12.

LIGHT BLUES BEAT BLACKHEATH.

Cambridge University Hare and Hounds ran their first cross-country match of the season when they met Blackheath Harriers in a 7½ miles race from Hayes (Kent). Fielding a strong team of well-tried unners, the Light Blues placed the first five men home and won the match by 41 points to 65.

The pace was set by four Cambridge men, O. F. Rooke and R. C. J. Goode, who are both Blues, and C. W. Benson and B. H. Page. They were together, comfortably ahead of the rest of the field, until a mile from home, when they lost the trail for a short distance and were almost overtaken by the Blackheath pack. Rooke drew away in the last half-mile and finished nearly 100 yards ahead of Benson, with Page close behind.

THAMES BEAT UNITED HOSPITALS.

The United Hospitals Hare and Hounds visited Roehampton for their annual match with the Thames Hare and Hounds. and, running five a side, lost by five points, the home team having the lower score of 25 points to 30. The Hospitals, however, supplied the first two men home, H. C. Harley and J. G. Strong running in practically together, having covered the seven miles course in 40 min. 45 sec., with J F. Roberts, who was first home for the Thames H and H., finishing third, 50 yards away, in 40 min. 54 sec.

Incorporated in the match was the annual race for the Thames long-distance challenge cup, of which Harley was the holder, and the old Dark Blue retained possession of the trophy.

GOLF.

UNIVERSITY'S GOOD FORM.

MARSTON BEATEN.

Oxford University golfers were faced with another hard task when they opposed Royal Wimbledon over that club's course yesterday, for the local side included four players rated at scratch or better, while the remainder of the team were all possessors of low handicaps. Nevertheless, the Dark Blues showed up well in the Foursomes, in which they won three, lost one, and halved two games to gain a victory in the series by 4 points to 2.

In the leading encounter J. P. Marston, the Oxford captain, and J. W. L. Adams were too good for A. N. Harper and E. C. Millard, who, as a result of a succession of wild shots, found themselves 4 down with 8 holes played. The local representatives won their first and only hole of the match at the ninth, where Millard pitched "dead" for a three, but the Oxonians hung on to their advantage, halving the next five holes, and ending the match in their favour by winning the long fifteenth for a 4 and 3 victory.

In the second game J. R. Keen and C. Sweeny (Oxford) were level 4's for ten holes against F. L. Hird and H. W. D. Gallwey, who at that stage were two holes in arrears. Then, however, the Dark Blues played some weak iron shots, and the match was squared with two to go, but they secured a 3 at the seventeenth, where the local players required three putts, and a half at the home hole gave the Oxonians victory by one hole.

The Scheftel brothers made a good start against Capt. H. C. C. Tippet and G. Scott-Graham (Royal Wimbledon) by winning the first two holes in 4's, but erratic play on the greens cost the Oxonians three of the next five holes. The Dark Blues were unable to get on level terms again, and suffered defeat at the sixteenth, where they took four putts, Tippet and his partner winning by 3 and 2.

Golf in the Dark!

The Oxonians triumphed in the Singles by 7 matches to 4, with one halved encounter, and so were successful on the day by 11½ points to 6½. The match had a farcical ending, for several of the games were played in darkness and caddies had to strike matches on the last few greens to enable the players to hole out.

Marston lost his unbeaten certificate to Millard, who gave his opponent little chance by accomplishing the first nine holes in 36 strokes to be three up. Marston contributed to his own downfall by weak putting—he required three putts on the eight, ninth, and eleventh greens—and the Dark Blue became further in arrears at the twelfth, where Marston's recovery shot from a bunker finished under a fence. In this position he played the ball as it lay instead of picking out and dropping the ball. Marston failed to recover, and was beaten on the fourteenth green, where Millard was five up.

FOURSOMES.—A. N. Harper and E. C. Millard lost to J. P. Marston (Trinity) and J. W. L. Adams (Balliol) (4 and 3); F. L. Hird and H. W. D. Gallwey lost to J. R. Keen (Wadham) and C. Sweeny (Wadham) (1 up); Capt. H. C. C. Tippet and G. Scott-Graham (3 and 2) beat H. Scheftel (Balliol) and S. Scheftel (Christ Church); R. H. Pavitt and R. M. McCallum halved with E. G. Langford (Pembroke) and A. B. Miller (Wadham); R. Hughes and T. M. Rogers halved with G. A. Loveday (Magdalen) and E. H. Moss (Trinity); W. R. Rumbold and N. C. Carver lost to G. L. Hartley (Magdalen) and E. M. Wellings (Christ Church) (5 and 3).

SINGLES.—Millard, 5 and 4. beat Marston; Hird lost to Keen, 1 up; Tippet, 1 up, beat Sweeny; Harper lost to Adams. 2 and 1; Gallwey lost to H. Scheftel, 2 up; Pavitt lost to Langford, 4 and 3; Rogers 1 up. beat S. Scheftel; McCallum, 2 up beat Miller; Hughes halved with Loveday; Scott-Graham lost to Moss, 1 up; Rumbold lost to Hartley, 3 and 2; Carver lost to Wellings, 5 and 4.

CAMBRIDGE OUTPLAYED.

WEST HILL WIN EACH FOURSOME.

West Hill had selected a powerful team, including three former British Internationalists, for their match with Cambridge University at Brookwood, yesterday, and it was not surprising to find the club victorious in each of the foursomes. To win all six games was an improvement on last year's result, when Cambridge did secure one victory in the double series, but in contrast to the match of twelve months ago, when a number of games finished a long way from home, the biggest margin yesterday morning was 3 and 2.

Major C. O. Hezlet, the Irish open amateur ex-champion, and J. B. Beck, both of whom have played for Great Britain in the "Walker" Cup match, led West Hill against E. M. Prain and W. H. Bermingham. Not until the fifteenth hole, where Beck holed a seven yards putt for a two, were West Hill able to get two holes ahead. Ding-dong play earlier found them one up at the turn, but having doubled that advantage they proceeded to win the sixteenth, where, although Hezlet was bunkered off his second, Prain was in the woods, wherein two shots were expended, so that the West Hill couple took the match by 3 and 2.

Prain's Fine Fight.

Hezlet must have had visions of his last year's defeat when he started, for he played excellent golf and soon established a lead. But Prain, after being four holes down with five to play, fought back magnificently and was beaten only when the putts had been holed on the last green. Hezlet was two up at the turn and four up at the eleventh. Prain got one back at the twelfth, but lost the thirteenth. Hezlet lost another hole at the fourteenth, but a half left him dormy three. A great four gave Prain the sixteenth, and he also took the seventeenth, where both players were erratic. Prain was in the rough with his second, and placed his recovery into a bunker. Hezlet, however, made mistakes through the green, and finally left himself a short putt for a half. He missed, and so the last hole had to be played, a half there enabling Hezlet to avenge his twelve months' old defeat.

Cambridge won four of the Singles, however, and lost eight, so that West Hill won on the day by 14 points to 4, only a shade more decisive than their win by 13½ points to 4½ last November.

H. C. Longhurst, by a hole against J. B. Beck, one of the British Internationalists, gained a very creditable win for the Light Blues, while H. M. Row and R. S. Fletcher, each by 6 and 5 against respectively F. G. L Fairlie and L. Godsell, were handsome winners for the Varsity. The fourth point was claimed by D. A. Drayson against J. Brittain-Jones by 1 up.

Longhurst and Beck had a thrilling tussle, which was all square with thirteen holes played. Longhurst went ahead at the fourteenth, but pulled his drive into a bunker at the sixteenth for the game to be levelled once more. A half at the seventeenth left matters all square, and a half seemed likely when both drove into a bunker at the eighteenth. Longhurst, however, placed his chip dead, and, winning the hole, he took the match.

FOURSOMES.—Major C. O. Hezlet and J. B. Beck (3 and 2) beat E. M. Prain (Clare) and W. H. Bermingham (Sidney Sussex); O. C. Bristowe and G. D. Hannay (2 and 1) beat N. A. Keith (Sidney Sussex) and H. Martin Row (Jesus); J. A. Board and F. G. Mirfield (1 up) beat I. K. McRosty (Clare) and H. W Higginson (St. John's); G. D. Roberts and H. Le Fleming Shepherd (2 and 1) beat H. C. Longhurst (Clare) and J. W. P. Blenkin (Trinity); F. G. L. Fairlie and L. Godsell (3 and 2) beat G. M. Turner (St John's) and H. L. Carr (Trinity); J. Brittain-Jones and B. J. T. Bosanquet (3 and 2) beat D. A. Drayson (Clare) and R. S. Fletcher (Trinity Hall).

SINGLES.—Major C. O. Hezlet (1 up) beat E. M. Prain; J. B. Beck lost to H. C. Longhurst (1 up); J. A Board (2 and 1) beat W. H. Bermingham; O. C. Bristowe (2 and 1) beat N. A. Keith; G. D. Hannay (3 and 2) beat I. K. McRosty; F. G. Mirfield (4 and 2) beat H W. Higginson; F. G. L. Fairlie lost to H. Martin Row (6 and 5); H. Le Fleming Shepherd (2 and 1) beat G. M. Turner; G. D. Roberts (6 and 5) beat H. L. Carr; J. Brittain-Jones lost to D. A. Drayson (1 up); L. Godsell lost to R. S. Fletcher (6 and 5); B. J. T. Bosanquet (3 and 2) beat J. W. P. Blenkin.

GOLF "BLUES" AWARDED.

After their match against Royal Wimbledon, J P Marston, the captain of the Oxford University golf team, invited J. W. L. Adams (Uppingham and Balliol) and H. Scheftel (St. Paul, U.S.A., and Balliol) to play for the Dark Blues in the Inter-Varsity match, which will be decided over the course of the Royal St. George's club at Sandwich next March. Both Adams and Scheftel are old Blues, having represented Oxford University in the match against Cambridge at Hoylake this year. The Dark Blues have now formed the nucleus of their team, J. R. Keen and C. Sweeny, two old Blues, having been chosen a week ago.

OTHER GOLF.

Over their own course, Burnham Beeches were defeated by Stoke Poges by 6½ points to 5½.

In a Singles and Foursomes match at Sonning, Flackwell Heath defeated Sonning by eight games to four. Each side won four matches in the Singles, and Flackwell Heath were successful in all four Foursome games.

Inner Temple defeated Middle Temple by 7½

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FENCING.

LONDON UNIVERSITY OVERWHELMED.

ONE-SIDED MATCH.

By LEON BERTRAND.

The London University suffered a heavy defeat at the Salle Bertrand yesterday at the hands of the home team, the eventual score being 20—7. The foil and sabres figures were 8—1 and 7—2 respectively, and only in the épée event did the visitors provide any material resistance when they succumbed by 5—4.

Bertrand's carried all before them with the foil. So much so that the visitors' solitary success did not arrive until the eighth and penultimate bout, when C. P. Collins beat the young German foilist, F. Stark, by three hits to one.

As stated, the épée combats were much more evenly contested. Both G. L. Stroud and S. F. Smith won their initial engagements with G. S. Cormack and W. A. Enill respectively, and at the end of the third bout the University led 2—1 By beating Stroud C. L. de Beaumont made the scores level at three all, and after Cormack had accounted for Collins, this same fencer defeated Smith and won the event for Bertrand's. In a protracted duel Stroud overcame Enill by an excellent touch at the sword-arm, and reduced the Varsity's arrears to 5—4.

The sabre exchanges went practically the same way as those of the foil, and after the sixth assault, when Enill beat J. A. Patterson, the event was assured for the home side. Details:—

FOIL.—Bertrand's—B. Cederin and Cormack, 3—0; Stark, 2—1. 8 mins. London University—Collins, 1—2; Stroud and P. A. Gover, 0—2. 1 min.

EPEE.—Bertrand's—de Beaumont, 3—0; Cormack, 2—1; Enill, 0—3. 5 mins. London University—Stroud, 2—1; Collins and Smith, 1—2. 4 mins.

SABRE.—Bertrand's—Cederin, 3—0; de Beaumont and Enill, 2—1. 7 mins. London University—Smith and G Wright, 1—2; J. A. Patterson, 0—3. 2 mins.

BIRMINGHAM F.C. BEATEN BY THE "MASKS."

Birmingham Fencing Club had the assistance of Major A. D. Pearce, the Amateur Foil ex-champion, for their home match with the "Masks" F.C. at Birmingham, but were beaten with all three weapons. The visitors scored 6 wins against 3 with the foil, 5 to 3 with the épée and 5 to 4 with the sabre, so gaining a decisive victory with 16 wins against 10. Details:—

FOIL.—The Masks F.C.: "Zebedee," 2 wins; "Alec," 1 win; "Screw," 3 wins. Total, 6 wins. Birmingham F.C.: Major A. D. Pearce, 2 wins; Foden Flint, 0 win; Major R. E. Cole, 1 win. Total, 3 wins.

EPEE.—The Masks F.C.: "Zebedee," 1 win; "Fred," 2 wins; "Screw," 2 wins. Total 5 wins. Birmingham F.C.: V. Clayton Morris, 1 win; G. M. Lewis, 2 wins; P. A. Fletcher, 0 win. Total, 3 wins.

SABRE.—The Masks F.C.: "Alec," 1 win; "Fred," 1 win; "Screw," 3 wins. Total, 5 wins. Birmingham F.C.: Major R. E. Cole, 1 win; G. F. Haycraft, 1 win; Major F. Twist, 2 wins. Total, 4 wins.

WALTER'S THIRD SUCCESS.

The competition for the Oxford University Foil Cup produced some superlatively good fighting, which ended in a barrage among Walter, De Anodio, and Houghton, each having one defeat. In the fights-off, Walter fought De Anodio first and quickly obtained four hits. De Anodio then landed two ripostes. After which Walter found the target with a perfect coup droit. De Anodio beat Houghton in an exceedingly close fight, which went to four-all before decision.

The deciding fight between Walter and Houghton was somewhat drawn out, as both competitors were very tired. Walter won, although the bout went once more to four-all, the last hit being a beautifully timed disengage on preparation of attack.

As this was Walter's third successive win in this competition he won the cup outright. The Novices' Cup went to Houghton.

WESTMINSTER'S CLOSE FIGHT.

Westminster School entertained Royal Horse Guards in a three-weapon watch at Westminster, and although winning the foil and épée series each by the odd bout, lost on the day by 13 defeats to 16. The visitors proved too strong with the sabre, winning seven of the nine bouts.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Shooting on the City ranges, the Stock Exchange opened their winter season with several contests, including two spoon contests, two competitions under time limit conditions, and two for Trustees' and Managers' prizes. The first possible of the season of 100 points was registered by Roger Riley, who has exhibited fine form on the open ranges during the season, and the next best scores were:—W. L. M. Blount, 99; I. O. Capper and J. Coates (the club veteran), E. A. Hankins, A. N. Machlachlan, and H. Ashbury, 98 each; and F. Beard, R. Crump, A. Allen, P. C. Hutton, F. P. Mosely, R. Leather, B Braunston, 97 each. A fine performance was carried out by F. P. Mosely, who scored a highest possible of 100 points under the time limit, his nearest opponents being E. A. Hankins and Roger Riley with 98 each, and J Coates. 97. In the Trustees' and Managers' events R. Crump scored 98, F. Beard and W. Wilkins, 97 each, P. C. Hutton 96, and I. O. Capper, 95. In a needle match with the Royal Small Arms the Stock Exchange men were beaten by 583 points to 581.

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points to 4½ in a singles and foursomes match over the Berkshire Club's course, winning the singles by 4½ to 3½, and the foursomes by 3 to 1.

The Old Reptonian Golfing Society held a meeting over the Stoke Poges Club's course near Slough. when W. D. Robinson (scratch) won the "John Low" Cup with a net score of 74, H. M. Morris, the Essex County cricket captain, being second with 77—2=75. The juniors' competition for the "Handley Seymour' Cup was won by F. C. Badnall with a return of 87—11=76, T. J. Molony being second with 95—16=79. J. B. Healing and W. V. Seyd (9) tied at one down with Morris and Robinson (1) for the first place in the bogey foursomes event.

GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BEACONSFIELD.—M.M.—First Dvn.: L. Padfield, 85-9=76. Second Dvn.: J. W. Mitchell, 91-14=77.

BEXHILL.—Bexhill Inter-Club Trophy: Maj. J. F. O'Malley (Bexhill), 78-6=72.

BROKENHURST MANOR.—Herbert Alexandra Cup: H. B. Benjamin. M.M.: H. B. Benjamin, 94-18=76.

BURHILL.—M.M.—Senior: C. E. Nisbet, 83-10=73. Junior: E. Marler, 89-14=75.

BURNHAM BEECHES.—M.M.: G. C. Stedham, 92-16=76.

BUSH HILL PARK.—M.M.—Senior: A. J. Studholme, 73-6=67. Junior: H. W. Flatau, 84-20=64.

CROWBOROUGH BEACON.—M.M.: I. S. R. Bruce, 79-7=72; Major C. Brooke-Leggatt, 83-7=76.

CULVERDEN (TUNBRIDGE WELLS).—Mixed Foursomes: Miss Linton and Dr. Linton, 82-13½=68½; Miss Cracknell and J. R. K. Pennink, 78-9=69.

EAST BRIGHTON.—Armistice Cup: W. A. Stirling (9), 5 up.

EDGWARE.—M.M.—Senior: F. H. Wright, 84-10=74. Junior: F. W. Wheeler, 88-14=74.

FOLKESTONE.—M.B.: W. Anderson (18), 2 down.

GERRARDS CROSS.—M.B.: E. Whitley Jones (10), 1 down.

GUILDFORD.—M.M.: R. J. Blackadder, 86-13=73.

HAMPSTEAD.—M.M.—Senior: J. P. Fraser, 83-8=75 Junior: M. Emanuel, 94-18=76.

HASTINGS.—Armistice Cup: B. Tindall, 89-18=71, and E. Paxton, 82-11=71, tied.

HOME PARK.—M.B.: L. J. Dearlove (11), 1 up; K. L. Branston (7), 1 down.

IFIELD.—Ifield Cup (Qualifying Round): E. H. Furber, 82-2=80; N. Allen, 90-10=80.

LANGLEY PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: D. Berry, 74+1=75. Jun.: P. Farnworth, 95-18=77.

LEATHERHEAD.—M.M.—Senior: S. H. Davis, 83-9=74. Junior: T. R. West, 87-16=71; H A. Mann, 91-14=77; H. W. Hirst, 89-12=77

MAIDENHEAD.—M.M.—Senior: W. E. Weston, 83-10=73. Junior: W. H. Goldsmid, 91-16=75.

MUSWELL HILL.—M.M.—Second Class: W. E. T. Cole, 82-16=66.

NEVILL (Tunbridge Wells).—M.M.—Senior: K. A. Robertson, 81-8=73. Junior: L. J. Langford, 94-16=78.

OXHEY.—M.M.—Sen.: P. L. Smith (scr.) and P. C. Savage (4) tied at 74. Jun.: J. C. Ashton, 91-14=77.

PINNER HILL.—M.M.: H. N. Nutt, 85-9=76.

RANELAGH.—M.M.—Senior: Col. F. Popham, 74-9=65. Junior: A. Heber Percy, 86-15=71.

ROEHAMPTON.—M.B.: Commdr. H. J. Orr (5), 2 up.

ROYAL, BLACKHEATH.—R.N.C. C.C.: S. Woffenden (7) and Capt. A. C. Shortt (14) tied at 1 up.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE.—Bogey—First Div.: G. H. Peacock (1), 1 down. Second Div.: R. H. Tibbits (18) and J. A. Hammerton (20) tied at all square.

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S (SANDWICH).—M.B.: R. Van der Woude (14), 4 up.

SOUTH HERTS.—O.B.: H. Hawley (6), 1 down.

SUNDRIDGE PARK.—Armistice C.C. (played over No. 1 course): O. J. T. Llewellyn, 70+1=71.

SURBITON.—M.B.—Senior: H. G. N. Cooper (11), 2 up. Junior: J. Webster-Brown (18), 3 down.

TANDRIDGE (OXTED).—Cottage Hospital Cup: G. J. Childs, 86-18=68. Ridgwell Cup (four short holes): F. I. S. Gill, S. D. Greig and H. G. Whitmore tied.

TYRRELLS WOOD.—M.M.: J. M Heathcote, 89-15=74.

WOODCOTE PARK (COULSDON).—M.B.: A. Willatts (18), 5 up.

WOODFORD.—Q.M.: F. R. Waterman (8), 1 down.

HOCKEY.

OXFORD WIN AGAIN.

BECKENHAM GET EIGHT.

By "CIRCLE."

Having struck a winning vein in their last two matches, OXFORD UNIVERSITY continued the sequence yesterday by beating WIMBLEDON at Wimbledon Park by 4—3 after leading by 4—2 at half-time. In the first half Oxford University were the quicker to adapt themselves to the heavy ground conditions, and were the better together in attack.

BECKENHAM achieved an 8—0 win against HAMPSTEAD, five of the goals accruing in the second half of a match in which the winners were much the better balanced side and the more accurate in all departments. Captain Cork, the Irish international, scored three goals, Pope and Newne each netted twice, and K. Y. Fison once.

TULSE HILL had the better of a rather scrappy game against DULWICH on a bumpy ground, and won by 5—1 after leading by 2—0 at half-time. Clayton (2), Belper, R. Walker, and Capes scored for Tulse Hill, and Dunbar replied for Dulwich.

STAINES, at home, beat BRONDESBURY by 5—1. R G. Fear (2), Roff (2), and Hole hit the goals for the winners, who led by 3—0 at half-time, and Reade netted for Brondesbury.

LONDON UNIVERSITY paid a visit to High Beech, where they were beaten by the OLD LOUGHTONIANS by 5—2. The Old Boys, whose goals were hit by W. Trinby (2), Lloyd (2), and Shelley, were the more decisive in their methods. Gidney and McCandless replied for the University. STAFF COLLEGE, who scored through Redman (2), Campion, and Collier, defeated ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL at Camberley by 4—2. Benson and Boake replying for the visitors. The ROYAL AIR FORCE fielded an "A" side against TULSE HILL II., the Service winning by 3—0. F/O Buston (2) and F/O Crummy scored the goals.

Defeated by Mid-Surrey during the week, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY returned to winning form and beat BROMLEY at Cambridge by 4—2. The visitors led by 1—0 at the end of an evenly-contested first half, but Cambridge played neat hockey after the interval to score three goals in quick succession. In the late exchanges, which were again even, each side added a further goal. The scorers for Cambridge were Hardie (2), Hewan, and Christopherson, while Andrews and Johnstone netted for Bromley.

The Australian women's touring team opposed a Scottish side at Paisley, and suffered defeat by 4—1. Miss Rankine netted twice for Scotland in the first half, and Miss Morrison and Miss Scott added further goals in the second half, when Miss Bloore replied for the Tourists.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

MEN'S MATCHES.

Oxford Univ.	4	Wimbledon	3
Old Loughtonians	5	London Univ.	2
Surbiton	3	Mid-Surrey	3
Tulse Hill	4	Dulwich	1
Staines	5	Brondesbury	1
Woolwich Garrison	1	Shoeburyness Garr.	0
Old Felstedians	3	Hon. Artill. Coy.	2
Rich. & Kingstn Hill	3	Old Kingstonians	3
Beckenham	8	Hampstead	0
N.P. Bank	6	Hendon	0
Westminster Bank	4	Lloyds Bank	2
Royal Observatory	2	R.M.A. (Woolwich)	1
Sterling	3	R.A.F. (Hornchurch)	1
Staff Col. (Cambrly)	4	St. Thomas's Hosp.	2
Bentinck	2	Latchmere	1
Broxbourne	3	King's Col. Hosp.	1
Purley	3	Barnes	1
Metropolitan Police	7	Battersea Poly.	0
Faraday House	2	Croydon M.O.	1
West Middlesex	5	Hornsey	4
Merton	4	Bank of England	4
Barnet	7	Cheshunt	1
Folkestone Optimists	7	Deal and District	1
Gresham	7	Alleyn Old Boys	3
G.W. Railway	2	High Wycombe	7
Folkestone Opt. II.	2	Herne Bay II.	2
Spencer II.	2	Southgate II.	4
Southgate III.	4	Spencer III.	2
Spencer IV.	1	Southgate IV.	7
Cambridge Univ.	4	Bromley	2
Spencer	4	Aldershot Command.	3
Southgate	3	Royal Engineers	2
Old Framlingham'ns.	4	Brentwood	2
London and Lancs.	8	Old Creightonians	1
Brentham	3	Boro' Rd. College	1
Woolwich Poly.	3	Metrogas	1
Civil Service	1	Guildhall	1
R.N.C. (Greenwich)	9	Burnt Ash	4
Sanderstead	4	Purley A	3
C.I.A.	6	Peek, Frean	0
Ravens	6	St. Johns II.	0
A.E.C.	1	West Middlesex II.	1
Ilford II.	4	Crouch End II.	0
Tulse Hill III.	5	Dulwich II.	1
Boro' Poly. II.	6	Battersea Poly. II.	1
Croydon M.O. II.	3	Barnes III.	0
Purley II.	7	Barnes II.	1
Purley III.	6	Waddon	4
Civil Service III.	11	Brondesbury III.	2
Tulse Hill IV.	3	Dulwich III.	3
Brittanic House	0	Tonbridge	8
Epsom	2	Old Cranleighians	1
Old Cranleighians II.	6	Wallington II	1
R.A.F. A	3	Tulse Hill II.	0
Maidenhead	4	Goodmayes	1
West Herts	3	Radlett	0
Harrow II.	3	Bocspa II.	0
H.A.C. II.	6	Wallington	0
Surbiton A	3	Mid-Surrey III.	0
West. Bank II.	3	Lloyds Bank II.	2
University College	3	Catford Wanderers	1
Rugby Town	0	Teddington	4
Hawks	3	Old Kingstonians A	1
Hawks II.	2	Constitutional Hill	4
Battersea Poly.	0	Met. Police	7
Harrow III.	3	H.A.C. IV.	4
Welwyn Garden City	3	H.A.C. III.	1
Mid-Surrey IV.	0	Surbiton IV.	9
Surbiton III.	2	Mid-Surrey III.	0
Mid-Surrey II.	0	Surbiton II.	3
Hawks III.	3	St. Thomas's H. III.	2
Ilford	3	Crouch End	2
Virginians	6	Elders and Fyffes	2
Old Southendians	6	Univ. College Hos.	3
Blackheath	5	St. Albans	2
St. James's Hatcham II.	4	Boro' Polytechnic	4
Virginians II.	9	St. Mary's Fell'wship	1
Blackheath II.	4	St. Albans II.	1
Crouch End III.	2	Ilford III.	1
St. James's Hatcham III.	4	Tulse Hill VI.	3
Coulsdon	14	Purley IV.	1
Tulse Hill V.	4	Dulwich IV	3
Beckenham IV.	7	Hampstead IV.	1
Ilford IV.	2	Crouch End IV.	1
Standard Tele. II.	3	Purley V.	1
East Grinstead	3	Reigate Priory	0
R.A.F. (Halton)	5	Richings Park	0
Sevenoaks	6	Swanley	0
Wimbledon II.	3	Cheam	0
Chelmsford	8	Bromley A	3
City of London M.H.	3	R. Dent. & C. X. Hos	1
Hornchurch	3	Chelmsford II.	1
Town Malling	4	Sevenoaks II.	3
P.L.A.	4	Metrogas	2
Old Christchurchians	3	Hornchurch II.	1
Hornchurch	3	Chelmsford II.	1
Gravesend	5	V.C.D.	0
N.P.L.	3	East Surrey Regt.	1
Polytechnic II.	6	Goodmayes II.	0
N.P.L. II	3	Old Ealonians	2
Regent	3	N.P.L. III.	1
West Herts II.	4	R.A.F. (Stanmore)	2
Met. Police II.	4	Enfield II.	0
Cheam II.	5	Wimbledon III.	2
Teddington III.	4	Epsom II.	1
Wimbledon IV.	4	Cheam III.	0
Civil Service IV.	7	Brondesbury IV.	0
Bromley IV.	5	N.P. Bank III.	2
Swiss Bank	4	Barclays Bank V.	2
Bromley V.	6	Epsom IV.	4
N.P.L. IV.	5	Watneys III.	1
Imperial College II.	4	Reading Univ. II.	3

WOMEN'S MATCHES.

Scotland	4	Australia	1
Chartd. Bk. of India	11	Stan. Bk. of S. Africa	3
Catford Wanderers	5	Alleyn O.B. (Gls. Se.)	3
Peek Frean	5	U.B.G.N.	0
Barnes	14	Dryards	0
Catford II.	5	Gresham II.	2
Lensbury	7	Britannia House	3
Deal	5	Folkestone Optimists	5
Chelsea Poly.	2	Eastbourne	3
Chelsea Poly. II.	2	Sidcup	0
Hawks	3	Constitutional Hill	3
Battersea Poly.	17	St. John Dunne	0
Fortnum and Mason	2	Metrogas	1
Sevenoaks	3	Pilgrims	3
N. P. Bank	6	Westminster Bank	3
Barclays Bank	8	Lloyds Bank	0
P.L.A.	6	Civil Service A.D.G.	6
Catford	4	Cheam	0
Westminster Bk. II.	8	N.P. Bank II.	4
Ibis II.	5	Midland Bank	3
Ibis	9	L. and Lancs Ass.	6

EMPIRE BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT.

LINDRUM EASILY DEFEATS DAVIS.

Lindrum and Davis began the final day's play of their match in the International Billiards Tournament at Thurston's with Lindrum leading by 2,912. Davis received 7,000. During the afternoon session Lindrum made breaks of 194 and 642. which included clever sequences of 127 and 52 close cannons The interval scores were: Lindrum 27,972. Davis (in play) 24,236.

Both players showed erratic form at the final session. The Australian opened with a break of 394, and later made breaks of 272 and 559. He eventually won by 4,501 the full scores being:—

LINDRUM	29,276
DAVIS (rec. 7,000)	24,775

NEWMAN BEATS McCONACHY.

The International Billiards Tournament match between Newman and McConachy was continued at Bradford, and, as was expected, Newman won. In the evening session Newman made breaks of 352, 327, and 472. The final scores were:—

NEWMAN (rec. 7,000)	29,204
McCONACHY (rec. 7,000)	20,851

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Association Football.

ARSENAL BEAT ASTON VILLA BEFORE RECORD GATE.

THE WEDNESDAY AND PRESTON CHALLENGE THE LEADERS.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE IN DANGER.

There was the usual harvest of goals in the English League yesterday, but fewer surprises than has been the order of late.

The big game of the day was at Highbury, where the Arsenal had an early surprise for an immense crowd. They could not play Harper, their Scottish goalkeeper, who had been suspended by the Football Association for the alleged non-payment of a fine.

In an official statement issued by the Arsenal Club it was stated that Harper was given until Thursday to pay. He posted the money that day, but the F.A. suspended him—presumably because the money did not reach them on Thursday.

But without Harper the Arsenal were always on top of their rivals. Sheffield Wednesday are now the London club's challengers for the senior position. The Wednesday won at Leeds, a result which places the latter club in a serious position.

Manchester United lost again, but they scored four of nine goals at Leicester, and they played sufficiently well to indicate that their tide is turning.

West Ham won their first away match of the season—at Birmingham—by two clear goals.

Everton had a lot to spare in disposing of Wolverhampton Wanderers, but Preston and Burnley, who are on their heels, both won well as visitors. Plymouth Argyle lost their fourth home match. They are fortunate, in a way, in finding Reading regularly surrendering points.

Notts County dropped their first point before their own spectators. Brighton deserve congratulations for an achievement in tying the County down to a draw.

But as Northampton, Torquay, and Brentford all crashed heavily, Notts' leadership is not yet seriously challenged. Thames deserve a special congratulatory word on defeating Northampton, who previously had not been defeated in an away engagement.

FIRST DIVISION.

A crowd of 64,000—a record for Highbury—saw the Arsenal win a strenuous game, and the spoils went to the men who deserved them. Though Preedy had a busy afternoon in the suspended Harper's place in the Arsenal goal, the home forwards were a more dangerous lot than the Villa at ack. They were more deadly at close quarters than the Villa's front rank. The youthful Bastin gave another sound exhibition at outside-left, and scored two of the Arsenal's five goals, the first was the result of a splendid left-foot drive. Waring scored both goals for the Villa.

Derby County are developing a habit of surrendering points at home. Their achievements away from home prove them to be a good side, but their home exhibitions are puzzling their supporters. Perhaps over-confidence—as fatal a malady as an inferiority complex—is ruining their work at Derby. It was weak shooting that lost them a home point to Liverpool yesterday.

Portsmouth, who had won five consecutive games, were checked at home by Huddersfield Town. Splendid goalkeeping by Turner helped Huddersfield to make a draw of it.

Chelsea's forwards were clever in midfield at Blackburn, but their cleverness deserted them in the Rovers' goal area. Though Imrie was yards wide with a penalty-kick, Blackburn were not so troubled by poor shooting, and goals by Bourton and Turner won them the match.

West Ham won at Birmingham, but the home club were handicapped by an injury to Briggs, their centre-forward. He was hurt before Yews scored West Ham's first goal in the first half, and took no further part in the game.

Neither Newcastle United nor the home side could muster a goal at Blackpool. It was a hard game from start to finish.

Middlesbrough took the field at Manchester without Camsell. Bruce, and Forrest. They played a lot of clever football in mid-field, but Manchester City had the better marksmen, and deserved their victory.

Sheffield Wednesday lived up to their League championship title at Leeds. The United, for whom Jennings played a sound game at centre-forward, played well enough to beat many First Division clubs, but it was not good enough to humble the champions. There was just a little more method in the work of the Wednesday, who deserved their narrow victory.

Connor, of Sunderland, gave another proof that he is one of the best outside-lefts in the game. He scored two of Sunderland's three goals against Grimsby at Roker Park.

SECOND DIVISION.

Wolverhampton Wanderers showed plenty of dash at Goodison Park, but the cool and methodical work of Everton put mere dash at a discount. The home club won by four clear goals—despite losing Rigby, injured, in the second half.

Preston North End deserved the points they won at The Valley. They were a more polished side than Charlton Athletic.

West Bromwich Albion beat Oldham Athletic at the Hawthorns because they made better use of their chances. Oldham Athletic had more scoring opportunities than their conquerors, but their shooting was a travesty of the art of marksmanship.

Stoke City's victory at Plymouth was not so impressive as it looks. With six men nursing injuries, the Argyle were a long way below full strength. Stoke's first goal was something of a gift. A mistake by Bland let Liddle through, and Bussey scored from the right-winger's centre.

Reading missed the injured McPherson at Cardiff. Bacon, who deputised at centre forward, lacked the dash of the Scot, and failed to turn several chances to account. Valentine scored two of Cardiff City's five goals. The home forwards gave one of their best exhibitions of the season.

A goal by Prest and good goalkeeping by Conway won Burnley both points at Barnsley; the home club, who had more of the game than their conquerors, were unlucky to lose.

A defensive tangle cost Southampton a point at Bristol. Adams, their right half, put the ball back for Scriven to clear, but the goalkeeper failed to get to the ball, which went on to give the City their winning goal. That decisive incident happened seven minutes after half-time. Southampton had scored through Jepson in the opening half. but a goal by Mercer put the City on even terms. The City were the better side in the first half, but the visitors improved a lot in the second, and would have saved the game but for the above-mentioned blunder.

Scriven scored the two goals that enabled Bradford City to beat Tottenham Hotspur at Valley Parade. Harper, the Tottenham centre-forward, missed several good chances; on one occasion he headed over when Gill was out of goal.

Swansea Town's superior work forward enabled them to beat Millwall by the comfortable margin of 4—1 at Swansea. The Millwall defence played well, despite one serious mistake, but their forwards suffered in comparison with the home attack. Moran, the Millwall right back, gave Swansea their second goal. He deflected a free kick by Miller past his own goalkeeper.

Nottingham Forest lost at Hanley, but they made Port Vale work hard for the points. Dickinson, deputising at centre-forward for the injured Dent, scored twice for the Forest, and Port Vale could not consider the game won until it was over.

THIRD DIVISION.

Fulham made an extraordinarily fine finish at Craven Cottage. Bristol Rovers played steady football, and led 2-1 at half-time. In the last ten minutes of the match Fulham scored four goals.

Pearce, Newport's centre-forward discovery, was in great form at Swindon. He scored three goals, and Newport led by 4—2 in the first half. Eddlestone also had a hat-trick, and the game ended 4—4.

Due to superior halves and an only goal by Varco, Exeter City won 1—0 at Watford. Notts County twice had the lead, but Farrell's two goals gave Brighton a point.

Buchanan, making an initial appearance for Thaces, scored both the goals, which meant Northampton losing 2—1.

Rounce, with three goals (one from a penalty), was the chief reason why Queen's Park Rangers beat Crystal Palace 4—0. It was the Rangers' first win after a bad run.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE POSITIONS.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Arsenal	5	Aston Villa	2
Birmingham	0	West Ham Utd	2
Blackburn R.	2	Chelsea	0
Blackpool	0	Newcastle Utd.	0
Derby Co.	2	Liverpool	2
Leeds United	2	Sheffield Wed.	3
Leicester City	5	Manchester U.	4
Manchester C.	4	Middlesbro'	2
Portsmouth	2	Huddersfield T.	2
Sheffield Utd.	2	Bolton Wand.	0
Sunderland	3	Grimsby T.	2

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Arsenal	14	9	4	1	40	21	22
Sheffield Wed	14	8	5	1	30	18	21
Derby County	14	7	5	2	32	20	19
Aston Villa	14	8	3	3	38	25	19
Portsmouth	14	7	5	2	30	21	19
Leicester City	14	8	2	4	36	32	18
Huddersfield T.	14	6	5	3	34	25	17
West Ham United	14	7	3	4	37	30	17
Sheffield Un.	14	4	6	4	25	23	14
Liverpool	13	6	2	5	30	29	14
Chelsea	14	5	3	6	21	21	13
Newcastle United	14	5	3	6	28	29	13
Manchester C.	14	5	3	6	24	28	13
Middlesbrough	14	5	3	6	24	32	13
Birmingham	14	3	6	5	23	24	12
Blackburn Rovers	14	4	3	7	29	29	11
Blackpool	14	4	3	7	27	40	11
Bolton Wand.	13	4	2	7	18	27	10
Sunderland	14	3	4	7	25	38	10
Grimsby Town	14	4	1	9	25	25	9
Leeds United	14	4	1	9	30	35	9
Manchester Utd.	14	1	0	13	20	54	2

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

Bournem'th and B.A.	2	Gillingham	1
Clapton Orient	4	Torquay Utd.	0
Coventry	1	Luton Tn.	2
Fulham	6	Bristol Rvrs.	2
Norwich C.	3	Brentford	0
Notts Co.	2	Brighton and H.A.	2
Queen's Pk. R.	4	Crystal Pal.	0
Swindon T.	4	Newport Co.	4
Thames	2	Northampton	1
Walsall	1	Southend Utd.	3
Watford	0	Exeter C.	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Notts County	15	11	4	0	43	15	26
Northampton Tn.	14	9	3	2	23	8	21
Torquay Utd.	15	8	2	5	39	29	18
Brentford	15	7	4	4	31	25	18
Crystal Palace	14	7	3	4	44	30	17
Fulham	14	7	3	4	25	27	17
Southend Utd.	14	7	2	5	31	24	16
Bournemouth & B.	14	6	4	4	28	25	16
Brighton & H. A.	15	5	6	4	21	21	16
Exeter City	15	5	5	5	26	30	15
Gillingham	14	5	4	5	27	20	14
Watford	14	6	2	6	26	25	14
Swindon Town	15	6	2	7	31	32	14
Luton Town	15	5	4	6	23	28	14
Coventry City	14	5	3	6	27	24	13
Bristol Rovers	15	4	4	7	24	39	12
Q. Pk. Rngrs	14	5	1	8	27	28	11
Clapton Orient	14	4	3	7	24	29	11
Norwich City	14	3	4	7	17	28	10
Newport County	14	3	2	9	26	42	8
Thames	14	3	2	9	16	35	8
Walsall	14	3	1	10	27	43	7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I

Aberdeen	2	Kilmarnock	0
Ayr Utd.	2	Dundee	6
Celtic	2	Hearts	1
East Fife	2	G. Morton	3
Falkirk	1	G Rangers	3
Hamilton Acads.	3	Queen's Park	1
Hibernians	1	Clyde	2
Motherwell	4	Leith Ath.	1
Partick Thistle	2	Airdrieonians	0
St. Mirren	0	Cowdenbeath	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Celtic	13	9	3	1	40	16	21
Partick Thistle	14	10	1	3	39	17	21
Motherwell	14	8	5	1	38	18	21
Dundee	14	10	1	3	34	21	21
Rangers	13	8	3	2	28	13	19
Cowdenbeath	14	9	1	4	21	17	19
Hamilton Acads.	15	7	3	5	24	17	17
Hearts	14	7	2	5	30	24	16
St. Mirren	13	6	3	4	19	16	15
Morton	13	7	1	5	32	28	15
Clyde	14	5	3	6	25	25	13
Aberdeen	15	6	1	8	20	25	13
Airdrieonians	14	5	2	7	20	32	12
Kilmarnock	14	5	1	8	19	24	11
Queen's Park	13	3	3	7	21	29	9
Falkirk	14	4	1	9	25	36	9
Leith Ath.	14	2	4	8	16	27	8
Hibernians	14	3	2	9	20	33	8
Ayr United	13	1	3	9	16	37	5
East Fyfe	14	1	1	12	16	48	3

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Bradford Res.	3	Scarborough	0
Chesterfield Res.	2	Denaby U.	0
Gainsborough	3	Boston	1
Grantham	2	Frickley C.	1
Grimsby Res.	1	Lincoln C. Res.	1
Mansfield	1	Notts F. Res.	3
Newark T.	4	Mexborough	1
Rotherham U. Res.	2	Loughborough	3
Scunthorpe U.	5	Notts Co. Res.	1
Wombwell	1	Barnsley Res.	0

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Barnsley	0	Burnley	1
Bradford C.	2	Tottenham H.	0
Bristol C.	2	Southampton	1
Bury	3	Bradford	1
Cardiff C.	5	Reading	0
Charlton A.	1	Preston N.E.	3
Everton	4	Wolverhampton W.	0
Plymouth A.	1	Stoke City	2
Port Vale	3	Notts Forest	2
Swansea T.	4	Millwall	1
W. Brom. Albion	2	Oldham Ath.	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Everton	14	10	3	1	40	16	23
Preston N.E.	14	9	3	2	38	22	21
Burnley	14	8	4	2	37	28	20
W. Brom. Albion	14	8	3	3	28	16	19
Tottenham H.	14	8	1	5	39	21	17
Bury	14	8	1	5	32	26	17
Port Vale	14	7	2	5	33	23	16
Wolverh'pton W.	14	8	0	6	34	25	16
Stoke City	14	6	3	5	24	23	15
Southampton	14	5	5	4	15	17	15
Bristol City	14	6	2	6	18	26	14
Bradford	14	5	3	6	34	31	13
Oldham Athletic	14	6	1	7	21	24	13
Notts Forest	14	4	4	6	31	32	12
Swansea Town	14	4	4	6	19	27	12
Bradford City	14	5	2	7	16	25	12
Cardiff City	15	4	3	8	24	29	11
Millwall	14	5	0	9	27	32	10
Barnsley	13	3	4	6	12	21	10
Charlton Ath.	14	4	2	8	21	35	10
Plymouth Argyle	14	3	1	10	18	30	7
Reading	14	2	1	11	12	44	5

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern.)

Darlington	3	York City	0
Doncaster R.	6	Accrington Stan.	1
Gateshead	2	Southport	3
Halifax	0	Rotherham Un.	1
Hartlepools U.	2	Wrexham	1
Hull City	3	Rochdale	1
Lincoln City	3	Crewe Alex.	1
Nelson	1	Carlisle Un.	2
New Brighton	3	Chesterfield	1
Stockport Co.	6	Barrow	0
Wigan Boro'	4	Tranmere R.	3

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Lincoln City	14	11	1	2	32	12	23
Tranmere Rovers	14	9	2	3	42	25	20
Stockport County	14	9	2	3	30	20	20
Wrexham	14	8	3	3	36	17	19
Wigan Borough	13	9	1	3	27	16	19
Chesterfield	14	8	3	3	26	19	19
Hull City	14	8	3	3	30	18	19
Carlisle Utd.	14	8	0	6	29	20	16
Rotherham Utd.	14	6	3	5	34	29	15
Gateshead	14	5	5	4	20	20	15
York City	14	6	1	7	27	29	13
Halifax Town	14	5	3	6	19	23	13
Southport	14	5	2	7	23	25	12
Rochdale	14	5	2	7	32	39	12
Crewe Alex.	14	6	0	8	24	35	12
Accrington Stanley	15	5	2	8	30	48	12
Darlington	14	4	3	7	25	24	11
Doncaster Rovers	14	3	3	8	21	24	9
Hartlepools Utd.	13	4	1	8	20	25	9
New Brighton	14	2	3	9	11	30	7
Barrow	15	2	3	10	13	38	7
Nelson	14	2	2	10	20	35	6

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Aston Villa Res.	4	Derby Res.	1
Bolton W. Res.	3	Stockport C. Res.	3
Burnley Res.	3	W. Brom. A. Res.	1
Huddersfield T. Res	3	Sheffield U. Res.	2
Liverpool Res.	0	Leeds U. Res.	0
Manchester U. Res.	1	Blackpool Res.	2
Oldham A. Res.	4	Bury Res.	0
Preston N.E. Res.	3	Birmingham Res.	4
Sheffield W. Res.	7	Blackburn Res.	2
Stoke Res.	2	Everton Res.	0
Wolvrhmptn W. Res.	0	Manchester C. Res.	1

LONDON COMBINATION.

DIVISION I

Millwall Res.	2	Arsenal Res.	2
Brentford Res.	1	Portsmouth Res.	0
Bri'ton and H. Res	2	Fulham Res.	2
Luton T Res.	3	Cardiff C. Res.	1
Reading Res.	3	Charlton A. Res.	2
Chelsea Res.	7	C Orient Res.	2
Southampton Res.	2	Coventry C. Res.	1
C Palace Res.	2	Watford Res.	1
Tottenham H Res.	3	Leicester C. Res.	1
Southend U Res.	2	Q Pk. Rgrs. Res.	0
W. Ham U. Res.	4	Swansea T. Res.	1

DIVISION II.

Bath C.	0	Aldershot Tn.	1
Folkestone	6	Bournemouth Res.	2
P'boro' and F. Utd.	3	Bristol C. Res.	3
Dartford	1	Swindon T. Res.	2
Yeovil and P. U.	6	Guildford C	2
North'pton T Res.	2	Thames A. Res.	1

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

EASTERN SECTION.

Sheppey U.	0	Norwich C. Res.	8

WESTERN SECTION.

Bristol R. Res.	2	Taunton Tn.	1
Ebbw Vale	2	Barry Tn.	1
Llanelly	2	Merthyr Tn.	2

Amateur Football.

ILFORD'S ACHIEVEMENT.

DULWICH DEFEATED AT LAST.

The Isthmian League leaders, DULWICH HAMLET, lost their first match of the season. They were beaten by ILFORD, the Amateur Cup holders, on their own ground. Ilford gave a polished display of football and won by the odd goal in five. Dulwich, who were without Kail, had as much of the game as their conquerors, but the splendid defence of Wilton and Gibson, the Ilford backs, brought much of their work to nought. Triesman, the Ilford centre half, also gave a noteworthy display. He was sound in defence, and his long accurate passes were a great help to his forwards. Welsh (2) and Drane scored for Ilford, Sadler and Levy for the Hamlet.

The CASUALS earned two Isthmian League points at the expense of OXFORD CITY at Kingston. The points were the reward of a bright exhibition of fleet-footed football. J. G. Stevenson at left back was one of the outstanding figures of the Casuals' side. Shearer (3) and Cree scored for the Casuals, Richardson and Randall for Oxford City.

F.A AMATEUR CUP.

THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND.

Old Lyonians	1	Hayes	6
Hitchin Town	2	Bishop's Stortford	0
Slough	3	Morris Motors	0
Romford	2	Brentwood and Warley	1
Southall	2	Wealdstone	3
Letchworth Town	1	Tufnell Park	5
Ipswich Town	2	Great Yarmouth	2
Dorking	0	Whyteleate Albion	1
Leavesden M.H.	3	Chesham United	1
Marlow	1	Maidenhead United	1
Guildford	3	Egham	4
Mitcham Wandrs.	1	Epsom Town	1

A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Old Latymerians	4	Lancing Old Boys	0

A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.

Brit'nic House Res.	0	University College	11
Old Owens Res.	7	Old Challoners	1

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

Barnet	2	Hampstead	1
Barking Town	2	Redhill	0
Enfield	3	Sutton United	2
Cheshunt	0	Leyton	4
Uxbridge Town	1	Bromley	2

RESERVE SECTION.

Hampstead	1	Barnet	3
Sutton United	0	Enfield	4
Hayes	3	Cheshunt	2

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Board of Trade	3	Board of Education	2
War Office	3	Ministry of Labour	2
Ministry of Health A	3	Customs and Excise	3
Taxes	5	Agricola	1

DIVISION II.

Ministry of Health B	7	Taxes II.	0
City Internal	2	Colonial Office	0
Hicomind	8	War Office II.	0
Royal Mint	4	Board of Educa. II.	4
Land Registry	5	Dollis Hill	1

ESSEX SENIOR CUP.

Clacton Town	3	Brentwood M. Hosp.	2

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Wimbledon	1	Kingstonian	1
Clapton	4	Nunhead	0
The Casuals	4	Oxford City	2
Dulwich Hamlet	2	Ilford	3
London Caledonians	2	Leytonstone	0
St. Albans City	4	Woking	4

KENT LEAGUE.

Chatham	11	Dartford	1
Margate	3	Northfleet	1
Gillingham	0	Tunbridge Wells	0
Bexley Heath	3	Folkestone	3

KENT SENIOR CUP.

SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND.

Woolwich Poly.	2	Callenders Ath.	5
Grays Thurrock	11	Bostall Heath	0
Canterbury Waverley	7	Whitstable	1

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Tillings Ath.	4	Bexleyheath and W.	3
Bexley	7	Beckenham	0
Butlers Wharf	6	Woolwich Boro' C.	3
Standard Telephones	1	Gravesend Terr.	6

LONDON SENIOR CUP.

Hounslow	3	Walthamstow Grange	1
Lyons Club	2	Finchley	2

(Abandoned during extra time.)

LONDON LEAGUE.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Cray Wanderers	5	Chelmsford	0
Dagenham Town	6	Tooting Town	1

DIVISION II.

Erith and Belvedere	4	Standard Telephones	1
Hendon Town	3	Epsom Town	0

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.

Malvern College	8	Westminster School	0
Charterhouse	2	Old Bradfieldians	4
Lancing College	5	St. Bart's Hospital	2
Highgate School	3	Forest School	3
Bradfield College	3	Oriel Coll., Oxford	2
Aldenham School	2	Old Salopians	0
Wellingboro' School	0	Old Cholmeleians	3
Brentwood School	6	Casuals A	1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Carshalton	3	Barclays Bank	0
Winchmore Hill	4	Old Parkonians	6
Crouch End Vampires	1	Ibis	3
Cambridge Town	4	Aquarius	2
Highgate	4	N.P. Bank	3
Midland Bank	2	Hastings and St. Leonards	0
Bank of England	3	Merton	1
Lloyds Bank	2	Norsemen	4
Alleyn Old Boys	0	Toc H	2
Ealing Association	4	Lensbury	3
Britannic House	0	Civil Service	9
Catford Wandrs.	6	Cuaco	2
Cuaco Res.	2	Catford Wands. Res.	11

SURREY SENIOR CUP.

Westminster Bank	9	Leyland Motors	0
Hersham	5	Carshalton Ath.	2
Addlestone	3	Beddington Corner	5

SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE.

West Norwood	6	Wallington	5
R.A.F. (Kenley)	2	Camberley	3

SPARTAN LEAGUE.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Metropolitan Police	3	Hayward's (Enfield)	5
Wood Green Town	3	Crittalls Athletic	0
Colchester Town	3	Aylesbury United	4

DIVISION I

Hertford Town	2	Cowley	2
Leagrave and Dis.	2	Eastb'ne Comrades	3
Staines Town	7	Watford Spartan	1
Waterlows	6	Leighton United	1

DIVISION II.—EASTERN SECTION.

Hoddesdon	8	Apsley Res.	1
Welwyn Garden City	3	Lyons Res.	2

DIVISION II.—WESTERN SECTION.

Aylesbury Utd. Res.	6	Slough Res.	1
Chesham Utd. Res.	7	Willesden Poly.	0
Egham Res.	2	Berkhamsted T. Res.	1
G.W.R.	3	R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	10
Hazell's (Aylesbury)	6	Maidenhead U. Res.	1

CLUB MATCHES.

R.A.F.	5	Cambridge U.	3
Corinthians	7	Northern Nomads	2
Old Rutlishians	2	Old Collegians	1
Toc H B	0	Sun Life of Canada	2
The Hale	9	Old Lyonians A	0
Qn's Ryl. W. Surrey	0	Westminster Bk. A.	2
Columbia	2	Dulwich Hamlet Res.	3
R.M.A. (Woolwich)	0	Old Westminsters	4
N.P. Bank Res.	10	Selsden	0

GOAL SCORERS.

DIVISION I.—Arsenal (Bastin 2, Lambert, Jack 2); Aston Villa (Waring 2); West Ham United (Yews 2); Blackburn Rovers (Bourton, Turner); Derby County (Bedford, Stephenson); Liverpool (Hougson, McPherson); Leeds United (Jennings, Hart); Sheffield Wednesday (Ball, Walker, Rimmer); Leicester City (Lochhead 2, Hine 2, Chandler); Manchester United (Bullock 3, McLachlan); Manchester City (Tait 2, Marshall, Race); Middlesbrough (Holliday 2); Portsmouth (J. Smith Weddle); Hudderfield Town (Robson, W. H. Smith); Sheffield United (Gibson, Dunne); Sunderland (Gurney, Connor 2); Grimsby Town (Coleman 2).

DIVISION II.—Burnley (Prest); Bradford City (Scriven 2); Bristol City (Mercer, Adams (own goal)); Southampton (Jepson); Bury (Smith, Pugh 2); Bradford (Rhodes); Cardiff City (Robinson, Jones, Valentine 2. Robbins); Charlton Athletic (Wyper); Preston North End (Sarrell, Russell, McClelland); Everton (Dean, Wilkinson, Rigby, Johnson); Plymouth Argyle (Black); Stoke City (Bussey, Mawson); Port Vale (Jennings, Fishwick. Griffiths); Nottingham Forest (Dickenson 2); Swansea Town (Thomas, Moran (own goal), Easton 2); Millwall (Cock); West Bromwich Albion (Cookson, Carter).

DIVISION III. (South).—Bournemouth and Boscombe A. (Whitehouse 2); Gillingham (Bethell); Clapton Orient (Jack, Cropper, Bolton, Tricker); Coventry City (Pick); Luton Town (Rennie 2); Fulham (Avey, 3, Price, Thompson, Temple); Bristol Rovers (Attwood, 2); Norwich City (Jordon, Porter, Reed); Notts County (Keetley, Andrews); Brighton and Hove (Farrell, 2); Queen's Park Rangers (Rounce, 3, Coward); Swindon Town (Eddleston 3. Morris); Newport County (Hickie, Pearce, 3); Thames (Buchanan, 2); Northampton T. (McLachlan); Walsall (Barnes); Southend United (Shankly, Compton, Barnett); Exeter City (Varco).

DIVISION III. (North).—Darlington (Dickson, Wellock 2); Doncaster Rovers (Law own goal, Lievesley 3, Bott, Emery); Accrington Stanley (Abel); Gateshead (Talbot, Maycock); Southport (Waterston 3); Rotherham United (Murden); Hartlepools United (Pedwell, Thompson); Wrexham (Williams); Hull City (Alexander 2, Barber own goal); Rochdale (Stott); Lincoln City (Savage Lax, Maidment); Crewe Alexandra (French); Nelson (Carnedy); Carlisle United (Armes, McConnell); New Brighton (Oakes, Whewell 2); Chesterfield (Binks); Stockport County (Lincoln 3, Jobson, Webster, Matthews); Wigan Borough (Johnson, Scullion, Welsby 2); Tranmere Rovers (Watts, Kennedy, and A. N. Other).

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCES.

The following are the attendance figures for the chief games in the four divisions of the League:—

Arsenal v. Aston Villa	64,000
Everton v. Wolverhampton Wanderers	30,000
Birmingham v. West Ham	25,000
Blackburn Rovers v. Chelsea	25,000
Portsmouth v. Huddersfield Town	25,000
Manchester City v. Middlesbrough	25,000
Sunderland v. Grimsby Town	20,000
Bradford City v. Tottenham Hotspur	15,000
Plymouth Argyle v. Stoke City	15,000
Fulham v. Bristol Rovers	15,000
Queen's Park Rangers v. Crystal Palace	15,000
Wigan v. Tranmere Rovers	11,000
Hull City v. Rochdale	7,000

SEVEN GOALS FOR CORINTH.

EWER EXCELS AT HALF.

NOMADS POOR FORM.

By C. R. C. NIXON.

Corinthians 7, Northern Nomads 2.

With the F.A Cup-ties approaching, interest in the way the Corinthians are shaping this season is growing. Unfortunately, the visit of the Northern Nomads to the Crystal Palace yesterday did not go very far towards revealing Corinth's form, for they were not unduly extended, and a 7—2 margin hardly reflected their midfield superiority.

Jones, the Nomads' goalkeeper, played a great game behind beaten backs, while the crossbar and uprights obliged him by keeping out a number of shots.

Some of the Corinthians' forward movements were right up to their traditional standard. Each man moved fast, whether dribbling with the ball or in taking up position, and the Nomads' halves had a full afternoon's running about. They could rarely get the ball to their forwards; and, when the latter were in possession there remained the Corinthians' formidable half-backs.

It is clear that Ewer has lost nothing of that form which places him in the front rank of left-halves. Ewer thoroughly enjoyed himself, and his "through" passes were so good that Hegan and Doggart were bound to do well. Whewell was another force. He distributed the ball almost as well as he broke up attacks. Ashton was good without reaching the high standard of his colleagues, and at back Abbott was sure even if he did not kick so hard as the Oxonian Barber.

In goal Baker made three first-class saves, lost the ball in a dash to the penalty line when the Nomads scored, and played on the whole with the electric agility which invariably delights the faithful who follow the club.

German was a power at centre-forward. He can afford to learn to shoot like Doggart, Creek, or Robins, but he bustles the backs with refreshing vigour, and he feeds both wings with intelligence. There was little sign of falling off in the ability of Hegan, Creek, or Doggart, and Robins shot brilliantly even if he made only the orthodox attempts to beat opponents at dribbling.

Robins's Great Shot.

Doggart made two great attempts early in the game. He had a drive kept out by the upright, and Jones, with excellent judgment, caught a fast header which followed Robins5s centre. However, Doggart opened the scoring. Hegan snapped up a typical Ewer pass, swerved past Hammond, and turned the ball back to Doggart who shot with terrific force into the corner of the goal.

An even better goal followed, Robins, on the run, and beating both back and half, driving the ball home from the edge of the penalty area.

After Whewell had struck the cross-bar, and Scott had held up Doggart and Hegan when all seemed lost for the Nomads, Atrill dribbled down the centre for Randle to shoot just out of Baker's reach. The goal did the Nomads a lot of good, but once again Corinth got their excellent forward machinery going, and Creek, backing up as Doggart worried the backs, made the score 3—1 at the interval.

Within five minutes of the resumption the Corinthians had a further couple of goals. First Robins shot high into the net from long range, and then German scored following a swift dash by Hegan, who was sent away by Ewer. German also hit the cross-bar, and, in a bombardment of the Nomads' goal, Doggart and Robins missed scoring by inches.

On one of their rare visits to the other end of the field, the Nomads managed to cause the defence some trouble. Eventually Baker got hold of a warm shot by Parker, but, although he cleared, Bloxham got the ball back and Atrill scored with Baker foraging out of goal.

But class would tell. Hegan, with the goal at his mercy, was tripped inside the penalty area. Doggart converted the kick, and hardly had the game been resumed than Creek made the Corinthians' total seven with a nice low shot from the right.

A CAMBRIDGE FAULT.

INSIDE FORWARDS FAIL AGAINST R.A.F.

Royal Air Force 5, Cambridge Univ. 3.

The meeting between the Royal Air Force and Cambridge University at Ilford attracted 2,000 spectators Playing fast and skilful football, the Air Force had matters all their own way for the first half-hour. They took the lead after seven minutes' play through Vernon, who scored with a low drive from a pass by Robinson. Three minutes later Vernon might have scored again from a penalty, but, in sporting fashion, he deliberately kicked wide. Edwards, the Cambridge goalkeeper, played a magnificent game, but Vernon obtained a second goal for the Airmen just on half-time.

The Light Blues showed greatly improved form in the second half, when the game was keenly contested. They had a fair share of the exchanges, and reduced their deficit through Webster. Edwards made a splendid save for the Varsity from Vernon, but was then beaten by Oates; while Vernon soon scored a fourth goal. Cambridge rallied in great style, and Kemp-Welch obtained a couple of brilliant goals in quick succession. The closing stages were fiercely contested, and just on time Acquarron shot through for the Airmen to give them a well-earned victory by 5 goals to 3.

The Royal Air Force found Cambridge University sterner opposition than Oxford, whom they defeated by four clear goals at Woking last month. Still, there never appeared very much likelihood of a win for the Light Blues, who seemed a very tired team after their struggle with the Arsenal on Thursday. The Air Force obtained their mastery in the first half. Cambridge played some good football after the interval, and at times went very near to snatching a victory.

Robinson, the Air Force centre-half, played a fine game, inspiring his colleagues to such efforts that rarely did the University front line get properly going. Seldom beaten for possession, Robinson plied his forwards with long, accurate passes close to the ground, which enabled them to sweep down upon the University defenders in bewildering fashion. Parrish and Hickey, the R.A.F. wing forwards, showed excellent pace and ball control, and Acquarroff and Oates were quick to seize their opportunities, but it was Vernon who carried off chief honours of the attack. This fine centre-forward made full use of the generous support accorded him.

Cambridge compared favourably with their rivals in the matter of combination, but they erred badly in holding the ball far too long. The fine work of Fabian and Webster, the wing men, was more often than not wasted by the weakness and hesitancy of the inside forwards, Reeves and Moxon. Kemp-Welsh led the line well, but was so well marked by Robinson that he had few real chances. Lister and Vassar-Smith worked untiringly at half, while Blackton and Cooke fought pluckily to cover Edwards who, by a series of brilliant clearances, proved an exceptionally good goalkeeper.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS "SOCCER."

Charterhouse 2, Old Bradfieldians 4.

Charterhouse were not seen to advantage against the Old Bradfieldians at Godalming, and were defeated by 4 goals to 2. The score was 1 goal all at half-time, Hunt scoring for the School and Groves for the Old Boys. Watson put the School ahead early in the second half with a good cross-shot, but the visitors then added 3 goals in quick succession.

Malvern 8, Westminster 0.

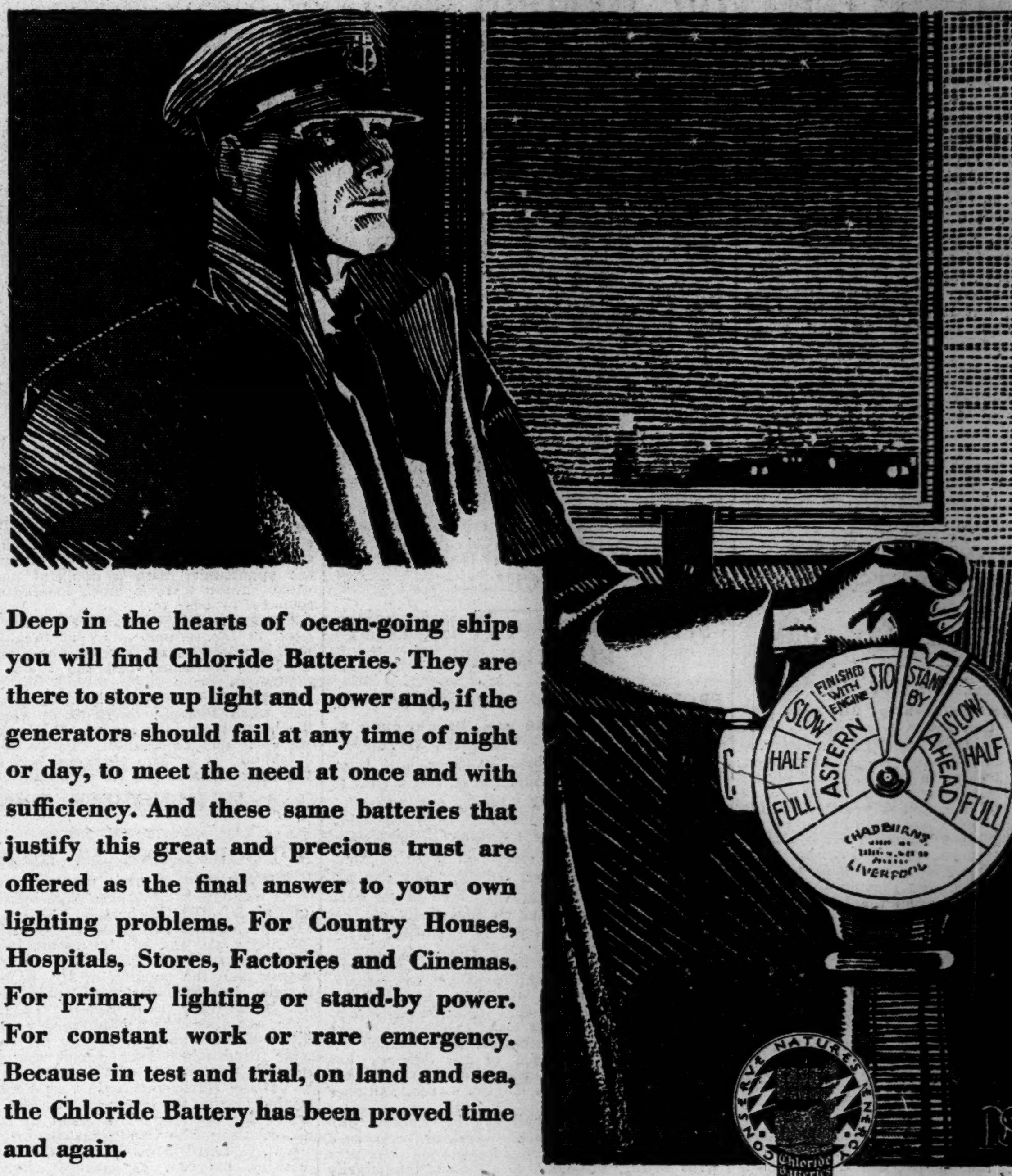
The Malvern forwards showed marked superiority in this match at Malvern. D. C. Folland (2), F. G. Hamilton (2), and G. N. Crabtree scored for Malvern in the first half. Crabtree was injured after the interval and left the field, but Hamilton (2) and Folland added goals without response.

Bradfield 3, Oriel 2.

Two goals down at half-time, Bradfield did very well to defeat Oriel College at Bradfield. R. M. Rayne and P. L. Bathurst (2) scored goals for the home side after the interval. Collis at left half was outstanding in a very hard and fast game. Bowen and Mendl scored for the visitors.

Highgate 3, Forest 3.

A draw fairly reflects the run of the play in this match at Highgate. Highgate attacked quite a lot in the second half, and held the lead for some time, but were kept out by some fine goalkeeping by E. E. McGlew. Both sets of forwards played cleverly, and Forest were unlucky on several occasions. G. V. Edmonds and S. E. Mahmood for Highgate, and H. C. J. Belle and J. N. Dennis for Forest scored in the first half. Highgate eventually took the lead through Edmonds, and G. Day equalised five minutes from time.



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Rugby Football.

VARSITIES WIN IN HOLLOW STYLE.

LEICESTER OVERTHROWN—"THE CLUB" NO MATCH FOR OXFORD.

'QUINS TOO GOOD FOR RICHMOND

An interesting comparison of the relative strength of the Varsity sides was afforded by yesterday's emphatic victory of Cambridge over Leicester, as during the week Leicester had proved far too good for Oxford. On the other hand, Oxford were in excellent form against Blackheath, scoring freely.

London Scottish, for once in a way, struck their happiest mood and beat the Services at Portsmouth, but Richmond were again a luckless lot and received another sharp defeat, this time from the Harlequins. Guy's were on their mettle against Coventry, whom they overthrew in a spirited, lively game. On the other hand St. Bart's fell to a Midland side in Moseley.

Northampton just got the better of the London Hospital in a moderate game, but Bath overran the Old Paulines on the latter's ground. Exeter, however, were beaten by the Old Blues by superior play, so that on the whole London sides did not fare too badly. The biggest surprise was the complete failure of the Taylors against Rosslyn Park after their brilliant win at Leicester a week ago.

The big battle in Wales was at Cardiff, where Newport went under in dramatic style after having apparently saved the game. Swansea were narrowly beaten at Llanelly.

Bristol registered their ninth successive win, though this time the opposition was only moderate. Gloucester also won decisively against a minor side.

In the County Tournament Lancashire brought off a fine win at Carlisle against Cumberland, and Yorkshire overran Northumberland on the latter's ground. Somerset were held at home, and it was left to Devon to be the only successful home side.

In the Scottish Trial, the North were greatly inferior to the Midlands.

CAMBRIDGE'S SMART MOVEMENTS.

ASKEW IN BRILLIANT FORM.

By D. R. GENT.

Cambridge University 28 pts., Leicester 6.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

Cambridge beat Leicester here this afternoon by five goals and a try to two tries, and seeing that Leicester beat Oxford a few days ago, it will not be surprising if Cambridge folk far and wide are very much heartened by the result. But in order that they do not get too elated, I ought to remind them that the Leicester back division was nothing like so strong as was the one that beat Oxford, and that in the second half of to-day's match, when the Leicester forwards got going, the visitors it was who did practically all the scoring, for the try that P. W. P. Brook scored was more of a gift than anything I have seen for years.

The strength of the Cambridge side lay in the open play of the forwards, who backed up the centres admirably and finished off with delightful hand to hand passing just half-openings that the outsides made. Four of the five tries in the first half came in this way, forwards scoring them all, while even the one that R. W. Smeddle got, though largely due to his own excellent play, was in part due to the help of the forwards.

These Cambridge forwards, with J. J. Embleton a capital leader, Brook and G. M. Greenwood always in the picture, are very good indeed at this sort of game, but I believe it will pay them to give a lot of attention to hard scrummaging and dribbling as well, for they did not shine at these phases when Leicester pinned them down in the second half.

The backs were all triers, but rather as individuals than as a combination. In fact, I did not like them quite so much in this latter respect as when I saw them play the Harlequins. Perhaps it was due to L. H. Collison, who, now in the centre, was then at outside-half. He was very good to-day, and has a capital idea of centre play, but A. S. Cross, who was at outside-half, is nothing like so good as Collison was in that position, and hardly set his backs going as smoothly as he should. In fact, there was not a single bout of passing that looked from the start as though it might beat the defence. F. W. Simpson was an effective and plucky scrum half, as was G. C. Adams as a centre, his dash, perhaps, making up for a certain lack of skill. The wings, F. W. Smeddle and C. C. Tanner, had few chances, but did what was possible.

An England Player.

I have never seen J. G. Askew do better. He played like an England full-back. I need say no more, except that, in addition, he kicked five goals out of six attempts.

The Leicester defence was very poor in the first half, and the side was badly at sixes and sevens. Afterwards they did much better, the forwards quite controlling the game, with G. R. Beamish, S. H. Saunders, who spent all the second half as an extra outside, and H. A. Constantine always prominent. Of the backs, R. A. Buckingham and E. A. Sweatman were best. Ten minutes before the end, W. E. Farndon had to leave the field with an injured arm. It was good to see W. W. Wakefield refereeing, and I liked the way he did it, very quiet, yet firm, and, needless to say, always up with the game.

After about ten minutes' play Cambridge scored through Greenwood. There was a bout of passing by the Leicester men, the last pass of which was very wild. Tanner picked up the ball cleverly on the run, and after some pretty passing the ball reached Greenwood, who ran well to score, Askew kicking a good goal. Almost at once a similar movement ended in Marr getting the second try, Askew again converting. I must say that I thought that at least one of the passes in each case was a shade forward. Collison was prominent shortly afterwards with a delightful opening. Adams took the pass well, as did Tanner, but the wing man had not much room, and was pushed into touch by Farndon.

The third Cambridge try was due in the first place to Collinson, who slipped his man neatly, gave a pass that Adams took well, and Greenwood was handy, as usual, to finish it off. Askew failed with the kick this time. Askew was again prominent, taking a difficult kick well, after which Adams slipped through the defence smartly, and gave Brook a perfect pass. Brook did the rest easily, as did Askew in kicking his third goal. Carryer put in a beautiful long shot to touch that helped his side a good deal.

Just on half-time Smeddle scored Cambridge's fifth try—and a beauty it was, as was Askew's fourth goal. Cambridge thus led at half-time by 23 points to nil.

Cambridge were the first to score in the second half. The Leicester full-back tried to clear behind his own line, made a shocking mess of it, and all Brook had to do was to fall down where he was and score, Askew kicking his best goal. The Leicester tries, both unconverted, were the result of good, steady forward play that slowly forced the Cambridge defence behind their line. G. R. Vallence and Beamish were the scorers.

CAMBRIDGE.—J. G. Askew (Emmanuel); R. W. Smeddle (St. Catharine's), L. H. Collison (St. John's), G. C. Adams (Pembroke), and C. C. Tanner (Pembroke); A. G. Cross (Caius) and F. W. Simpson (Trinity Hall); J. J. A. Embleton (Capt.) (Caius), P. W. P. Brook (Emmanuel), D. M. Marr (Caius), A. Whalker (Clare), G. M. Greenwood (Christ's), G. E. Valentine (St. Catharine's), A. R. Ramsay (Trinity Hall), and H. B. Johnstone (St. Catharine's).

LEICESTER.—C. Manson; W. E. Farndon, E. G. Sweatman, R. Carryer, and G. H. Wood; R. A. Buckingham and S. A. Smith; H. A. Constantine, G. P. C. Vallence, A. C. Hall, E. G. Coleman, R. A. Weiner, S. H. Saunders, G. R. Beamish, and D. J. Norman.

Referee: Mr. W. W. Wadefield.

UPPER CLAPTON'S FINE WIN.

Upper Clapton 32 pts., Tonbridge 5.

Upper Clapton proved too strong for Tonbridge, whom they entertained at Bush Hill Park, winning a fast game by four goals and four tries to one goal. The inclusion of Cullen at centre greatly strengthened the home club's three-quarter line, this player breaking through time after time and running strongly. He was well supported by his wing, G. E. Wells. The whole side played more as a team, the forwards being excellent in the loose and at times bringing off some delightful passing movements. West scored one brilliant try after a run from mid-field. Tucker hooked well for the winners, and Pagella at scrum half was good. The winning tries were scored by Wells (3), Steere, Blacker, Robinson, Clarke, Lens, and West, Roberts converting three and Wey one. Tonbridge's try was scored by Blakelock and converted by Whitty.

STROUD FAIL AT HOME.

Stroud 6 pts., Old Whitgiftians 11.

At Stroud the Old Whitgiftians won a good game by 1 goal and 2 tries to 1 penalty goal and 1 try. The visitors scored first through Crittendon, the try being converted. Then Dudbridge obtained an unconverted try for Stroud, but before the interval Hornby added an unconverted try for the visitors. After the interval the play was very even, Odell landing a penalty goal for Stroud and Pullinger scoring an unconverted try for the visitors.

OXFORD FORWARDS EXCEL.

SPLENDID DISPLAY AGAINST BLACKHEATH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Oxford University 30 pts., Blackheath 8.

OXFORD, Saturday.

Oxford University beat Blackheath at Iffley Road by 4 goals, 1 dropped goal, and 2 tries to a goal and a penalty goal.

Oxford made four changes from the side which went under to Leicester in mid-week. Jenkins came into the centre in place of Alexander, while Hofmeyr, Druitt, and Swayne stood down from the pack and their places were taken by Shillito, Lindsay, and Kelly.

The Varsity started off in promising style, as, after a great forward rush by Cridlan, Kelly and McGibbon had been half checked, the ball was heeled, and went out to Cardale, who actually crossed the line, but he had put one foot in touch. Blackheath heeled from most of the tight scrums, but their backs did not make much progress, not so much because of the excellence of the defence, but through their own mistakes. The "Club," however, maintained a lengthy attack, and once Devitt was nearly in.

A touch-finder to half-way by Roberts preceded an Oxford attack. Jenkins, who is a fresher from Llandovery, intercepted. His pass went wrong, but Oxford, although temporarily repelled by a long kick to touch by Kemp, came back, and Hart handed off before giving an overhead pass to Brookes, who darted inwards, swerved two men, and scored near the posts for Hanley to convert. This was shortly followed by an excellent score. From a passing movement the ball reached Brookes, who slipped as he received it, but gave to Jenkins as he fell. The centre made ground and returned it to Brookes, who scored his second try. Henley again kicked a goal. A run and cross-kick by Devitt threatened danger, but Brookes was there, and proved equal to the occasion. A breakaway by Lamport, who kicked ahead, was half checked by Morris, who was tackled in possession.

Once more the merits of a quick heel from a loose scrum were exemplified, and, with Roberts swinging his line into attack at a rare pace, the ball travelled out to Cardale, whose try put Oxford in possession of a half-time lead of thirteen points.

Lapses by the "Club."

Oxford continued to have the better of matters territorially after the resumption, and a smart left-footed drop goal by Hart gave them another four points. Blackheath tried all they knew to get the ball out to Devitt, but Cardale was giving him no scope, and he was generally forced to cross-kick immediately, a device which Rees was able to anticipate. The next try was a beauty, being scored from the neighbourhood of Oxford's twenty-five. Roberts started the movement by bundling his way through, and when he was checked the ball went loose. Howard sent out a long pass to Hart, and the ball went via Jenkins to Brookes. A long run by the wing and an inside pass to Jenkins gave the latter a try, which Henley converted with a good kick.

Blackheath now had a turn, but things went wrong with them. First Bishop held on too long. Then Devitt fumbled, and, after an injudicious attempt to drop a goal by Bishop, Devitt crossed, only to be called back for a knock-on. Some of the sting had by this time gone out of Oxford's attack, and Hart once after making ground made the mistake of running back, but a dribble by Cridlan and Howard was carried on by Burrow, who credited Oxford with another try.

At last the "Club" were rewarded with a score. Bishop bluffed his way through, and he sent Tucker over. Kemp kicked a goal, and a little later added a penalty goal from near the Oxford line. Oxford, however, had the last word. Brookes picked up a fumble by Morris, and passed to Hart, who diddled three men and sailed in under the bar for Henley to convert.

Oxford, in this match, made a definite advance on anything they have done since beating Newport. Their forwards worked well together in the loose and their backs gave and took their passes with speed. Blemishes were to be found in the slowness of Roberts, who had to be lured on by Lamport, and in the tackling, particularly in the cases of Cridlan and Roberts.

For the 'Club," whose forwards never gave up trying, Morris was about the best of the backs, and Radcliffe, except for being beaten by Hart, did quite well. As a spectacle the game was admirable, but the faults of the 'Club" backs gave Oxford unexpected opportunities, of which they made good use. Teams:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—H. Rees (South Africa and University); A. E. Brookes (Hereford and Brasenose), V G. Jenkins (Llandovery and Jesus), T. M. Hart (Strathallan and Brasenose), C. F. Cardale (Durham and St. Edmund Hall); W. Roberts (Cardiff and Brasenose), N. K. Lamport (Sydney and Balliol); G. V. Shillito (Taunton and Wadham), R K Lindsay (Clifton and Brasenose), H. G. Burrow (Brecon and Balliol), R. R. McGibbon (Fettes and Corpus), W. E. Henley (Otago and New College), H. N. Kelly (Sedbergh and Exeter), P. D. Howard (Mill Hill and Wadham), A. G. Cridlan (Uppingham and Exeter).

BLACKHEATH.—S. T. A. Radcliffe; Sir T. G. Devitt, W. E. Millard, J. T. Kemp, D. E. Morris; C. C. Bishop, R. D. Stewart; H. H. C. Withers, A. Rendall, R. H. Charsley, M. S. Bonaventura, B. H. Black, W. E. Tucker, G. N. Wentworth, G. Laing.

WASPS WIN BRIGHT GAME.

Wasps 19 pts., R.N.C., Greenwich, 13.

R.N.C., Greenwich, visited the Wasps at Sudbury, and a bright open game resulted in a win for the home side by 2 goals and 3 tries to a dropped goal and 3 tries. The Wasps opened strongly, Meadows going over wide out. More good work by the outsides gave Hopkins a chance, and Compton kicked a goal. The college then improved, and Lane scored. The kick failed. A good dropped goal by Wright made the scores 8—7. The second half was keenly contested; Lister scored for the Wasps and Compton converted. Then Rothwell raced over for the college. Hard scrumming near the line enabled Dwyer to score, but Lane replied with another try for the college. The Wasps put in some determined attacking, and shortly before time Lister went over again.

KEEN TACKLING WINS THE GAME.

Streatham 8 pts., K.C.S. Old Boys 18.

Streatham, though initiating many promising movements and in command of the game almost throughout, lost to K.C.S. Old Boys, whose tackling and defence all round were excellent. Had Streatham finished their movements cleanly they should have won on the run of the game. There was also too much half-hearted tackling on their part. The Streatham forwards heeled well from the scrums, and the Old Boys' footwork in forward rushes was exceptionally good. K.C.S. led by 5—3 at half-time, and finished up winners by three goals and one try to one placed goal and a penalty goal. For K.C.S. Collins (2), Frost, and Powell obtained tries, and for Streatham Williams and Knott scored.

LONDON WELSH IN HARD GAME.

BEDFORD TAIL AFTER GREAT EFORT.

BATH BEAT OLD PAULINES.

London Welsh 9 pts., Bedford 5.

On the day's play at Herne Hill, London Welsh were much the better side, and they defeated Bedford by a penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to a goal (5 points).

The Welsh started at a great pace, and within five minutes A. H. Jones scored a couple of tries, each the result of a fine passing movement along the right wing. In the second half Howell increased the Welsh score by a penalty goal, and two other penalties in easy positions were missed by Powell and Howell. The Bedford score came near the close, Eidsworth scoring an easy try, which Williams converted.

This was rather an extraordinary match, full of extraordinary happenings, of fluctuating fortunes, exciting episodes, and hardly a dull moment. Bedford came with a full team and an excellent reputation, which they did little to enhance. For the most part, their bungling and really bad passing outside the scrum, indeed, were such that they looked quite bucolic, and the only manner in which they prevented a heavy score being piled up against them was by their full-blooded and certain tackling.

The Welsh went off at such a pace that Bedford could hardly have realised the game had started before two meritorious tries had been scored, after bewildering and accurate passing. Afterwards, the Welsh outsides gave the ball such an airing that only the most stolid defence kept them within bounds. Even so, however if the centres had shown a little more courage and resolution they must have scored on other occasions, instead of throwing away the opportunity with a doubtful pass to the wing. There was too much looking round for someone to pass to.

The Bedford forwards were a hefty solid lot, good in the scrums, quick at breaking away, and fast at footwork and following up. Their dribbling frequently had the Welsh backs in difficulties.

There was an unusual incident in the second half when Perkins, of Bedford, was sent off. To be sent off in a modern Rugby game is a most unusual occurrence. To be sent off for "feet-up' is so rare that one had to consult the referee afterwards for confirmation.

HARLEQUINS WIN.

A POOR GAME AT RICHMOND.

Richmond 0 pts., Harlequins 23.

As was only to have been expected, the Harlequins defeated Richmond on the Athletic Ground, scoring two goals, a dropped goal, two penalty goals, and one try to nil, but it was a poor game. Nothing could have been much worse than the packing of the Richmond forwards, and the Harlequins profited little by the fact. They were generally the attacking side, but always in a haphazard way, and very little of their passing, despite the very favourable conditions under which the game was played, was worthy of the team.

Yet the Harlequins were very strongly represented outside the scrum. C. C. McCreight was away for the Anglo-Irish trial in Dublin, and G. J. Dean, the Cambridge Senior, partnered H. C. C. Laird in his place, but J. S. R. Reeve, making his first appearance after the New Zealand tour, J. E. Hutton, H. S. Style, and J. C. Gibbs made a formidable attack behind them.

The match did nothing to solve the half-back problem that has worried Richmond from the start of the season. P. T. Priest, as the scrum worker, was handicapped by the ragged play of his forwards, but R. Burgess was more in the picture than Laird, and made many smart bursts to open up the game on his own account. W. A. H. Chapman was perhaps the most prominent of their three-quarters, who all played well in defence, while D. F. Ryan, as usual, gave a very good account of himself at full-back, his well-judged kicking to clear saving his side many times. Unfortunately, he was injured shortly before the close.

The Harlequins did the attacking for the first ten minutes, and P. E. Dunkley kicked a penalty goal for them. Then H. C. C. Laird sent H. S. Style over for an unconverted try, while after G. J. Dean had cleared the way for J. C. Gibbs to score and Dunkley had placed a goal, the Harlequins' forwards, packing in front of the Richmond goal, rushed their rivals over, and E. A. Hamilton-Hill, having touched down for a try, Dunkley was again successful with the place-kick, to leave the 'Quins with a 16 points' lead at half-time. The play in the second half was no more interesting than before. the only score accruing being another penalty goal kicked by Dunkley and a dropped goal by Laird near the close.

BATH CONQUER OLD PAULINES.

Old Paulines 11 pts., Bath 23.

The visit of Bath attracted a good crowd to the Old Paulines' ground, where conditions were excellent for fast play. Neither side started well, but after a period of midfield play Old Paulines scored a good try through Salmons. King added the goal points. Bath retaliated, and first Meredith and then Buse got over for them. Both kicks failed. Haydon got another try for Bath, which Moore converted, while Benson also dropped a goal just before the interval.

The Old Paulines played up strongly in the second half, but could not hold Bath's forwards. Thompson got over, however, in a scramble on the goal line for the Old Paulines before Banks scored twice for the visitors. Weekes added the points the first time but failed with the second kick. Delafield got over wide out for the Old Paulines in the last minute, the kick failing.

LONDON HOSPITAL FIGHT HARD.

Northampton 7 pts., London Hospital 3.

London Hospital made a stout show at Northampton in a game of poor quality. In the first twenty minutes there was an unusual number of penalties. Northampton opened well, but afterwards the Hospital exerted pressure through their forwards. Just on half-time Vaughan missed a penalty for Northampton.

Early in the second half Northampton attacked through their backs, and Holmes dropped a smart goal from thirty yards range. Northampton had most of the play for a time, and Holmes scored an unconverted try. Towards the end O'Sullivan registered a try for the Hospital.

OLD ALLEYNIANS AGAIN SUCCEED.

Old Leysians 5 pts., Old Alleynians 22.

In a splendid game at Wandsworth Old Alleynians beat Old Leysians by 2 placed goals and 4 tries to 1 placed goal. Old Alleynians owed their victory more or less to their extra skill behind the scrummage, where Millar made every possible opening for his backs. It was a great battle between two fine packs.

In the first half Heppenstall (2), Pettifer and Miller scored tries for Old Alleynians and Stark and Heppenstall each kicked a goal. After change of ends it was a case of rush and counter-rush. Holloway got a fine try for Old Leysians, which Kilner converted. Heppenstall and Pettifer scored further tries for Old Alleynians.

EDGWARE FINISH STRONGLY.

Edgware 6 pts., Rugby 0.

On a heavy ground, Edgware, playing at home, defeated Rugby in a gruelling game by a penalty goal and a try to nil. Both teams were well matched, and, if anything, Rugby did more of the attacking, but the Edgware defence was sound. In the first half Nash dropped a penalty goal from a distance of fifty yards. Rugby made strong efforts to equalise in the second half, but Edgware, finishing strongly, went further ahead when Oliver dribbled through from half-way.

GOOD WIN FOR CHATHAM.

Portsmouth 7 pts., Chatham 12.

Although losing the services of Kellett for three-quarters of the game, Chatham gained a meritorious win over Portsmouth on the latter clubs ground by 12 points to 7. At half-time Chatham had taken the lead, having scored 9 points to 7, Marsh and Kellett obtaining tries and Powell kicking a penalty goal, while Portsmouth scored a try through Burch and also a dropped goal. The only score in the second half was a try by Hamilton for the visitors.

THE BANK WIN ON TIME.

Bank of England 7 pts., Catford Bridge 5.

Bank of England beat Catford Bridge at Roehampton by a dropped goal and a penalty goal to a placed goal after a hard, rousing game. Roeber scored for Catford Bridge, Hutchinson converting. Play was even for the rest of the first half. At the start of the second half Catford Bridge controlled the set scrums, as they were much the heavier side. After twenty minutes' play Chadder kicked a good penalty goal, and then the Bank pressed Smith nearly scored a try, and in the last five minutes Chadder dropped a fine goal to give the Bank the victory.

TAYLORS FAIL.

DISAPPOINTING PLAY AGAINST ROSSLYN PARK.

BART'S NARROW DEFEAT

Old Merchant Taylors 6 pts., Rosslyn Park 23.

After a long period of very dull, though very even, play at Teddington, Rosslyn Park relieved matters with a sparkling finish, and, scoring three tries in the last twenty minutes, ran out deserving winners by four goals and one try to two tries. The Old Boys would, however, have gone much closer if they had not in the closing stages provided so many gaps in their defence for a thrustful opposition to take advantage of.

Seldom did a passing movement get very far, and the kicking of the backs generally left an opponent in possession, and the ball travelled up and down the field without yielding any real scoring chance. An exception was a fine try by A. N. Alston, who got a timely pass from I. R. McIntosh and showed splendid speed before crossing the Taylors' line. Fortunately for the Old Boys, Alston got few other opportunities of showing his pace and skill. A. C. Lusty failed to convert this try. A couple of unconverted tries scored by G. E. Buncombe and R. G. Turnbull gave the Old Boys a lead early in the second half, but a try by A. K. Woodhouse, converted by Alston for the Park, soon deprived them of it

Then, with the Taylors tiring, came three quick tries for the Park, scored by R. G. Forbes-Bassett (two) and A. E. Whitlock, and a successful goal-kick by Alston in each case completed the visitors' success.

BART'S JUST FAIL.

Moseley 14 pts., Bart's 11.

Moseley were in a bright mood when entertaining St. Bart's Hospital, and scored first, Lindop kicking ahead to outdistance the defence and score a try. Lindop failed with the goal-kick. The Hospital forwards worked hard to outdistance the backs, but Moseley went further ahead from a neat dropped goal by Cave. Trentham, receiving from Dennis, scored an unconverted try and Bart's replied with a penalty by Ryan. Just on half-time Powell, sent in by Pirie added an unconverted try.

Bart's back division improved in their handling in the second stage, and Moseley were kept busy defending. Powell, showing a good hand off, came near to scoring. On the other wing, Youngman was uncertain. In a spell of good tackling Griffiths-Jones, with a delightful left-foot kick, landed another dropped goal. Taylor cut through the defence for the Hospital, and scored in a position to enable Ryan to add the goal points.

O.C.'S CLEVER PACK.

Old Cranleighans 23 pts., St. Mary's H. 3.

The Old Cranleighans thoroughly deserved their win over St. Mary's Hospital at Thames Ditton by four placed goals and a penalty to one try. After the first quarter of an hour the O.C.s pack had quite the best of their opposition, and enabled A. Key to show his best form to the advantage of thre three-quarters. In spite of the two very fast and dangerous inside three-quarters of the Hospital, the O.C.s were usually stronger behind the scrum, both Lamberts using their great speed to full effect. The Hospital started with a great forward rush which caught the O.C.s napping, and G. P. Goodwin scored in the first three minutes. A penalty goal kicked from a difficult angle equalised the scores. Some good passing by the O.C.s halves and insides gave Key the opportunity to dash through for a try under the posts, and a great effort by C. Lambert produced another score.

The second half was more evenly contested, but the O.C.s proved better stayers, and L. Lambert and ey added to their score.

H.A.C. OUTPOINTED.

Notts 27 pts., H.A.C. 3.

In their home engagement with H.A.C. at Beeston, Notts, who were minus Brodbeck, for whom Dunn deputised at full back, made the experiment of playing Hebb in his County Championship position of fly-half, and they scored an easy success. Their very light visitors were never a match for the home lot. Carey played a gallant game for the losers, and Rosey and Bunney were outstanding on the Notts side. Ryder started the scoring, Rosey adding the goal points and doing likewise when Hebb went over. Lea responded with an unconverted try for the visitors. In the second half Ewin, Derry, Ryder, and Bunney added tries, of which Rosey converted two, and Whitcroft kicked a penalty goal for Notts.

OXFORD GREYHOUNDS OVERRUN.

Gloucester 26 pts., Oxford Greyhounds 8.

Although placing a weakened team in the field against Oxford Greyhounds, Gloucester, who were at home, had the better of the first half, and obtained a lead of 8 points to 3. The three thousand spectators witnessed some fast play, Borland being the first to score for the visitors. Meadows then scored a good try for Gloucester, James converting. James also kicked a penalty goal for the home team.

In the second half Gloucester overran the opposition, and tries were quickly added by Price, Hiam, Andrews, and James, James converting three. Sime scored for the visitors, and Martin converted.

OLD DUNSTONIANS' EVEN GAME.

Old Dunstonians 3 pts., University of London 3.

The Old Dunstonians played a drawn game with the University of London at Beckenham. The University pressed, and nearly scored on more than one occasion. Finally, Sandberg went over, but the kick failed. The Old Boys replied after a forward rush, E. D. Murrell touching down. Both full backs, Webb for the University and Edwards for the Old Boys, played well. Greenacre and D. S. Murrell, as wing forwards, were prominent for the Old Boys.

LENSBURY'S BACKS DO WELL.

Lensbury 29 pts., Esher 6.

Lensbury beat Esher at home by 29 points to 6. They opened the score through Lewtonbrain and Hamer converted. Lensbury again scored an unconverted try by McLean. Then a considerable change took place, and the Esher forwards won most of the scrums. A fine rush enabled the Esher captain, H. L. Hunter, to touch down. Esher continued to increase their forward superiority on resuming, but their threequarters were too often tackled in possession. Williams, Cornelius, and Oakley added further points for Lensbury, and Hunter replied for Esher. The game became one between the Esher forwards and the Lensbury backs, with honours going to the latter, for McLean and Luton scored.

SOUTHEND LOSE A RECORD.

Leytonstone 22 pts., Southend 6.

At Wanstead Leytonstone broke Southend's unbroken record, winning by 22 points to 6. From the kick-off K. S. Hay set the home backs going, and F. A. Willsmore cut through for H. Skinner to score. Southend put up a sustained attack, and it was a long time before Leytonstone were again in an attacking position. Then Willsmore finished off a move by going over and converting himself. The same player quickly followed with a penalty goal. The Southend backs then put in some good running, and R. R. Seel got over for an unconverted try. In the second half Leytonstone went further ahead. Willsmore kicked a penalty goal, and then Carroll sent Skinner in after a good back movement. Southend worked into Leytonstone's territory, and H. R. Barnes reduced the lead with a penalty goal. Southend returned to the attack, but nothing resulted, and Leytonstone broke away for Willsmore to score again and convert. It was a thoroughly good game, both sides giving the ball plenty of air.

OLD MID-WHITGIFTIANS WIN.

Old Mid-Whitgiftians 14 pts., Coldstream Guards 10.

After a keenly contested game at Hamsey Green, the Old Mid-Whitgiftians defeated the Coldstream Guards by 14 points to 10. The Old Boys held their own in the scrum, but not in the loose. For the Guards, Morland scored and converted two tries. Martin, Clark and Bonney crossed for the Old Boys. Clark converted one of the tries and also kicked a penalty goal.

GRAYS' DRAWN GAME

Grays 3 pts., Old Bancroftians 3.

Grays, playing at home, did well to draw with the Old Bancroftians. The game throughout was even. The Old Bancroftians opened the scoring with a penalty goal scored by Foote. Grays equalised with a good try by R. J. Jones. Play in the second half continued to be played on fast lines, but there was no further scoring.

GOOD OUTSIDE PLAY.

Chartered Bank 17 pts., Charlton Park 0.

Chartered Bank beat Charlton Park at Northfield by one goal and four tries to nil. The game was fairly even territorially, but the Chartered outsides made the most of the excellent service afforded them by their halves. Both packs played hard, and the close marking by the Charlton Park outsides was a feature of the game. V. C. Usher-Wood, the Charlton Park full-back, was an outstanding player.

GUY'S ROUSING FINISH.

WHIRLWIND SCORING UPSETS COVENTRY.

OLD BLUES' SMART WIN.

Guy's Hospital 33 pts., Coventry 17.

A splendid struggle came from the visit of Coventry to Honor Oak Park, and the match with Guy's attracted the best attendance of the season. With the exception that ankle injury prevented Wailer from turning out, Guy's fielded the strongest possible fifteen.

The game developed into a rousing struggle from the start, and though Coventry had the better in the tight scrums, the opportunism of Guy's outside evened matters. Johnson and Fichardt crossed for Guy's, Hogbin converting one and Giesen dropped a goal. Bonham, Mayo and West went in for Coventry, Bonham converting two. Wilkinson retired after twenty minutes with an injured shoulder.

Gascoigne increased Coventry's lead in the second half with a clever dropped goal, but an extraordinary try came to Guy's when Fitchardt, after a magnificent straight run, unaccountably hesitated after crossing the line, the ball being knocked out of his hands. O'Shea, however, dashed up and touched down, Hogbin improving to bring the scores level.

An exciting struggle followed. Guy's forwards packed better, but Coventry held the advantage at the base scrum, where Gascoigne did great work. Hogbin kicked a penalty and improved a try by Fitchardt, and Ashdown scored a further try for Guy's, Hogbin improving one.

Not for many years have Coventry yielded thirty points in a match, but sixteen of those registered against them by Guy's came in the last ten minutes of the game. The Midlanders laboured under a severe handicap, for a shoulder injury compelled Wilkinson, their wing forward, to retire after twenty minutes. Little complaint could be urged against the depleted pack, for throughout they heeled far more efficiently than the home eight, gaining possession on the average three times to one. They did not compare quite so favourably in the loose where O'Shea, Morgan, and Robin, did great work for Guy's.

The strength of Guy's was in the three-quarter line. Centres who run straight are rather a rarity these days, and Fichardt made some magnificent dashes for the line. In addition to the three tries he scored—all the outcome of determined running—Fichardt made wide gaps in the Coventry defence, often drawing Saxton out of position, and thus creating openings for his colleagues. Geisen was equally effective in a less spectacular manner. A pleasing feature of the Hospital play was the way in which they rallied late in the game and took advantage of a tendency by the visitors to tire.

OLD BLUES WIN AT EXETER.

Exeter 3 pts., Old Blues 10.

In the opening stages of their game at Exeter, where the ground was soft, the Old Blues were slow in opening out. Afterwards they played fast football, though their handling did not reach a high standard. Exeter offered stout opposition, and their tackling was excellent. Wales scored between the posts for the visitors, Pearce converting. R. G. Rew and Cann were speedy in the Exeter three-quarter line.

Shortly after the resumption Matthews received a pass from Thomas, and scored for Exeter after a strong run. White failed with the place kick. Exeter got the ball out of the scrums more in the second half, but Neilson was a safe back for the visitors, for whom Jones scored just on time. Pearce added the goal point to give the Old Blues the victory by 10 points to 3.

SCOTTISH BACK TO FORM.

United Services (Ports.) 6 pts., London Scottish 23.

United Services met the London Scottish at Portsmouth in dull weather before two thousand spectators. Some spirited play was seen, and Merriman gave the Services the lead with a try after twenty minutes. Immediately afterwards McIntosh went over for the Scottish, Langrish converting. The Scottish attacked again and McIntosh got another try, which was unconverted. Before half-time, Ford, with a try, reduced the lead of the Scottish to 2 points

The Services were outplayed in the second half, and the Scottish scored tries through Geddes, Mackintosh (two), Walker, and Adams. All the kicks failed, and the Services' defeat was largely due to the inferiority of their forwards.

MIDLAND BANK WIN FAST GAME.

Midland Bank 16 pts., Portsmouth 0.

Playing at Beckenham, Midland Bank beat Portsmouth by two goals and two tries to nil. The game was fought in very fast play, Portsmouth putting up a hard fight. The first half produced two tries by Shaw, the Bank's left wing, who ran with determination, and the same player and Selling scored in the second half. Both these tries were converted by Devey.

Although Portsmouth possessed a heavy pack, the home forwards were the faster, and generally got the better of matters, Glock's hooking being very valuable. The handling of both sets of backs was good, but Tierman managed to cut through for the Bank on several occasions, and Shaw was too fast for his opposing member.

TEAM WORK WINS.

Woodford 16 pts., Westleigh 3.

Westleigh lost to Woodford at Woodford Green after a very fast and open game by 2 goals and 2 tries to 1 try. The Woodford forwards asserted their supremacy in the second half. Seward opened the scoring for Woodford, Klein converting. Wickes, Klein, and C. D. Walker-Arnott added unconverted tries. Westleigh replied with a try from a five-yard scrum. The game was interesting, with Woodford superior in every department except at hooking. Some of the Woodford scoring movements were well conceived and magnificently carried out.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Aberavon	10	4	2	4	72	58
Abertillery	11	7	2	2	79	43
Bank of England	7	5	0	2	61	76
Bath	11	5	2	4	125	84
Bedford	8	6	0	2	109	41
Blackheath	11	3	1	7	104	125
Bradford	10	6	2	2	146	113
Bristol	8	8	0	0	122	23
Cambridge Univ.	7	6	0	1	202	55
Cardiff	20	8	4	8	165	180
Catford Bridge	11	5	0	6	94	136
Cheltenham	9	6	0	3	106	55
Civil Service	7	1	2	4	34	83
Coventry	11	8	0	3	183	100
Cross Keys	12	7	1	4	90	44
D'port Services	9	2	1	6	70	93
Edgware	10	8	1	1	102	48
Esher	8	4	1	3	68	81
Exiles	9	8	0	1	190	47
Gloucester	11	5	3	3	137	78
Guy's Hospital	9	5	0	4	155	118
Harlequins	7	6	0	1	152	57
Headingley	8	5	0	3	168	76
H.A.C.	8	4	0	4	72	104
K.C.S. O. Boys	7	5	0	2	109	73
Leicester	11	6	1	4	133	109
Llanelly	10	7	2	1	103	29
Leytonstone	9	5	1	3	127	94
Lloyds Bank	7	3	1	3	69	60
London Hospital	7	4	0	3	52	42
L.C.C.	5	2	2	1	28	24
London Scottish	7	2	0	5	64	150
London Welsh	8	5	1	2	104	31
Moseley	9	2	1	6	58	95
Neath	11	7	0	4	152	53
Newport	13	7	3	3	151	85
Northampton	10	5	0	5	114	103
O. Alleynians	7	4	0	3	102	70
Old Blues	9	3	0	6	65	109
O. Cranleighans	8	5	0	3	107	99
O. Dunstonians	7	0	1	6	12	101
O. Haberdashers	9	5	0	2	78	81
O. Leysians	7	1	0	6	39	121
O.M. Taylors	7	4	0	3	74	75
O. Millhillians	7	4	0	3	86	83
O. Paulines	9	6	0	3	103	99
O. Westcliffians	7	5	0	2	97	34
Oxford Univ.	7	5	0	2	115	66
Pontypool	13	9	2	2	141	58
Polytechnic	7	4	1	2	56	48
Richmond	8	2	0	6	74	129
Rosslyn Park	9	6	1	2	106	50
St Bart.'s Hospital	8	1	0	7	47	136
St. Mary's Hospital	6	3	0	3	57	53
Staines	7	6	0	1	180	25
Streatham	8	0	0	8	44	157
Swansea	10	5	0	5	123	59
Toc H.	8	8	0	0	165	27
U.S. Portsmouth	9	2	2	5	97	120
U.C.S. Old Boys	8	3	0	5	104	85
Upper Clapton	8	2	0	6	113	94
U.S. Chatham	8	3	0	5	90	107
Wasps	9	9	0	0	195	31
Woodford	9	5	0	4	111	54

LAWN TENNIS.

WIN FOR OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

Oxford University beat the Roehampton Club at Roehampton yesterday at lawn tennis by six matches to three. Results:—

E. M. Buzzard (Magdalen) and B. Hofmeyr (University) lost to J. B. Gilbert and T. Lee-Elliott, 4—6, 4—6; beat R. H. W. Hope and S. M. Goldsmith, 6—3, 10—8; beat G. Faber and H. A. Orford, 6—2, 6—2.

R. K. Tinkler (Balliol) and R. K. Irons (Jesus) lost to Gilbert and Lee-Elliott, 6—2, 7—9, 3—6; beat Hope and Goldsmith, 3—6, 6—3, 6—3; beat Faber and Orford, 6—0 6—1.

E. M. Sykes (St. John's) and L. H. A. Hankey (Balliol) lost to Gilbert and Lee-Elliott, 5—7, 0—6; beat Hope and Goldsmith, 6—4, 6—4; beat Faber and Orford, 6—1, 6—0.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY

Cheltenham Coll. 5 pts., Rugby Sch. 6.

Rugby School, playing a bustling forward game, carved out a series of stinging attacks against Cheltenham College, but they could not keep up the pressure, and after that the Cheltenham forwards took command and ~~kept~~ Rugby defending for long periods. Cook opened Cheltenham's score with a nice try which McHarg converted. There were several bright runs by the Rugby three-quarters, Emerson being prominent for a sparkling effort, but Windgatt, Cheltenham's full-back, who played a sound game, brought him down. The Rugby forwards carried out several keen raids, and in one of them Pidmore got over for an unconverted try. There was a keen struggle in the second half, the forwards dominating the game, but they kept the ball close, and the backs had few chances. The Cheltenham forwards more than held their own, but their three-quarters were disappointing, and did little except in defence. The Rugby backs were always dangerous. So keen was the game that both sides lost a man injured. Cheltenham were defending tenaciously when just before the end a round of passing left Lancaster with the ball, and he ran over with a try in the corner for Rugby.

Harrow School 0 pts., Harrow 24.

The annual match between Harrow School and the Harrow Club was played on the Sixth Form ground, and resulted in a win for the club by three goals and three tries to nothing. This was the fourth defeat sustained by the School this term. They showed their best form in the first half, during which their defensive work was particularly good. O. C. Browning, their scrum half and captain, frequently got the ball out of the loose scrums, and he passed with good judgment, but the threequarters could not make much progress. The School tackled and kicked well, but their handling was their weak point. The only try of the first half was scored by A. G. Elliott Smith, a master at the school. In the second half the School were a man short in the pack, C. P. R. Bowen Colthurst being injured. This handicap was too great against the heavy forwards of the Club, and the School were defending most of the time. Tries were scored by Elliott Smith (three), K. R. Neal, and R. L. Holdsworth, and P. Bluett converted three of the kicks.

Marlborough College 10 pts., Wellington College 3.

Marlborough College proved the better side when they were at home to Wellington College, winning by 10 points to 3. From the commencement Wellington were prominent, but a well-timed kick by Seamer relieved the pressure. The visitors asserted themselves again until a good kick by Parker found touch. Gladstone, who was in good form, was responsible for a clever, but fruitless, run. Branch well deserved his selection. The tackling of the visitors was commendable at times, but it was early evident that they had met their match in the home side, being penned in for several long periods. A scrum almost under the posts resulted in Beadle, at scrum half, getting over for Marlborough. Seamer converted. Wellington resumed spiritedly, but Marlborough maintained their superiority. The home side obtained a fine try from a clever solo effort by Gladstone. Seamer was again successful with the kick. Wellington then gained a well-deserved try through Hobbs, the kick failing.

Haileybury 21 pts., Tonbridge 12.

Haileybury justly deserved their victory by three goals and two tries to four tries in a keenly fought match at Haileybury. The home side had more of the ball, the forwards heeling cleanly, and their threequarters made better use of their chances than did Tonbridge. Particularly were they quick in snapping stray passes of their opponents, but not to the neglect of their tackling. Tonbridge were seen to best advantage in the loose, controlling the ball well with their feet. A. P. Russell (2), T. J. M. Lowry, J. E. C. Rickman, and R. C. Ehrke scored Haileybury's tries, and L. S. Sanderson (2), W. J. Walker, and F. V. Hickmott crossed for Tonbridge.

Oundle School 3 pts., Bedford School 11.

Bedford School beat Oundle School at Oundle yesterday by one goal and two tries to one try. In a hard game between two evenly matched sides the Oundle forwards, perhaps, were the better in the tight scrummages, while Bedford were superior in the line-out. The Bedford centres played a magnificent game, and to them the Bedford success was due. The Oundle centres were correspondingly weak. J. S. Moll scored first for Bedford by finding a gap in the centre. K C. Fyfe equalised after a typical run, but before half-time Bedford scored again after some good backing-up, C. W. Pearson obtaining a try, though the kick failed. After the interval much even play and strong attacks by both sides were met by some hearty tackling, which continued until R. G. Wise ran round to score a try, which Moll converted.

Eastbourne Coll. 13 pts., Blackheath Ext. A 18.

A strong Blackheath Extra A beat Eastbourne College at Eastbourne by 18 points to 13 Both sides played well in the first half, in which Devitt and Blanchard scored tries for the Club, Irving-Bell replying for the College In the second half Kendall and Heester obtained tries for the Club, and then the College forwards kept their opponents on the defence, and Mason and Hopkinson scored for the College. The home forwards were good, Malcolm and Mallet being the best, while the outsides, among whom Morley was outstanding, tackled and handled well. Kendall was outstanding for Blackheath. Heester converted three tries for Blackheath and Mason two for Eastbourne.

Whitgift Sch. 12 pts., Hurstpierpoint 6.

Whitgift, playing at Dulwich against Hurstpierpoint, thoroughly deserved their second victory of the season. Although without two of their regular players, they attacked immediately, and kept their opponents in their own half. The centres several times cut through, but were held up on the line. From one of these movements Fitchen scored an unconverted try.

In the second half Whitgift scored three tries, in quick succession. Baker, running hard for the line, scored twice, once from a breakaway by Weston after a series of scrums on the line. McCann also scored towards the end. Hurstpierpoint scored twice.

Stowe School 24 pts., St. Paul's School 18.

Stowe School beat St. Paul's on their own ground by 24 points to 18. Scorers for Stowe were Salamon (2), Barclay, Wilberforce, Coper, Blandford, tries, and Macpherson three goals. For St. Paul's, Fliwel, Pascall, Hadingham, and Schneerson three goals, and a penalty scored. It was a very close and exciting match.

Dulwich 18 pts., Mill Hill 0.

The seven Dulwich forwards held the opposing eight at Mill Hill, and with their backs showing more thrust and resource in the centre, Dulwich won easily by three goals and one try to nil The visitors were very quick on the ball, and no movement by the Mill Hill backs was allowed to develop. H. T. Bartlett and J. Edwards scored tries in the first half, S. C. Griffith converting one, and Griffith and V. H. I. Knowland crossed in the second half, Knowland converting Griffith's try, and Griffith returning the compliment.

Epsom College 21 pts., Oratory Sch. 3.

Epsom College beat Oratory School by 21 points to 3. Epsom had all the game in the first half, but scored only twice. In the second Epsom slowed down until Oratory scored one try. After this Epsom were all over Oratory and tries were scored by Wall (2), Graham, and Wadia. Hunton converted three and kicked a penalty goal. James and Woolger played well for Epsom.

Brighton 14 pts., Brighton College 5.

Brighton Club beat Brighton College by 14 points to 5. The game was fast and even until half-time, and the forwards were well matched. The Town backs were faster than those of the College. J. Plunkett, E. Plunkett, Hunter, and Baxter scored for the Town and Armstrong for the College. The last was converted by Lenton. After a one-point lead at the interval, the Town pressed almost all the time.

OLD WESTCLIFFIANS DEFEAT.

Harrow A 14 pts., Old Westcliffians 0.

Old Westcliffians were entertained by Harrow A, and beaten by 14 points to nil. Harrow attacked, and only the stubborn defence of the Old Westcliffians nullified their efforts. Notwithstanding, the Old Westcliffians' line was crossed twice for two unconverted tries before the change-over. The second half was a repetition of the first, the game closing with Harrow attacking.

OLD EMANUEL SAVE THE GAME.

Old Emanuel 3 pts., Old Haileyburians 3.

Old Emanuel were at home to the Old Haileyburian at Raynes Park, the game ending in a draw of one try each. The Old Haileyburians scored first through Hanney, Hutchins equalising Towards the end of the game the Haileyburians were pressing hard, but the home defence held out.

RUGBY RESULTS.

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.

North	0	Midlands	25

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Devon	16	Cornwall	3
Somerset	5	Gloucester	5
Cumberland	11	Lancashire	18
Northumberland	10	Yorkshire	29

CLUB MATCHES.

Richmond	0	Harlequins	23
Guy's Hosp.	33	Coventry	17
Oxford Univ.	30	Blackheath	8
Cambridge Univ.	28	Leicester	6
London Welsh	9	Bedford	5
Aberavon	6	Abertillery	6
Bradford	25	Edin. Acads.	3
Bristol	19	R.N.E. Col.	3
Cheltenham	17	Devonport Services	3
Cardiff	9	Newport	6
Cross Keys	8	Pontypool	5
Gloucester	26	Oxf. U. Greyhounds	8
Moseley	14	St. Bart's Hosp.	11
Northampton	7	London Hosp.	3
Neath	25	Penarth	3
Swansea	0	Llanelly	5
U. Services	6	London Scottish	23
Watsonians	10	Glas. Acads.	7
Upper Clapton	32	Tunbridge Wells	3
Edgware	6	Rugby	0
L.C.C. A	5	Staines	8
Stones Ath. A	0	L.C.C. B.	0
Woodford	16	Westleigh	3
Woodford A	20	1st Bn. N'hant Reg.	0
Woodford Extra A	30	Chelmsford A	0
Woodford C	52	Malden A	0
Woodford Extra C	17	Sutton Extra C	17
Wasps	19	R.N.C.	13
Wasps A	20	R.N.C. A	3
Wasps Extra A	39	R.N.C. B	3
Wasps Extra C	20	Toc H B	3
Harrow B	0	Lon. Scottish C	14
Harrow Extra B	22	Westminster Bank C	3
Harrow C	3	West. Bank Extra C	14
Esher	6	Lensbury	29
Esher A	3	Lensbury A	13
Esher B	0	Lensbury B	25
Esher C	3	Lensbury C	8
Polytechnic	0	Cuaco	0
Polytechnic B	6	C.A.V. A	0
Polytechnic Ex. B	0	Streatham Ex. B.	31
Upper Clapton A	24	Tonbridge A	8
Upper Clapton C	17	Tonbridge C	0
Dover	14	Thanet Wanderers	6
Barclays Bank	8	Finchley	0
Midland Bank	16	Portsmouth Town	0
Midland Bank B	3	Thos. Cook and Son	6
Midland Bank C	6	Northern Assur. A	0
Exiles	16	Ealing	13
Bank of England	7	Catford Bridge	5
Catford Bridge A	12	Bank of England A	15
Bank of Eng. Ex. A	3	Guaranty	6
Trojans	17	Untd Serv. (Ptsmth)	8
Ealing A	12	Exiles A	0
Ealing B	9	Stan. Cables A	5
Northern Assur.	21	Life Guards	3
G.W. Rly.	3	King's College	3
City and Guilds	3	Harpenden A	27
King's College B	9	Char. Accntnts. A	10
Bishops Stortford	6	Chelmsford	16
British Celanese	6	Kildare	0
Lloyds Bank A	0	Sidcup A	16
Surrey Yeomanry	14	Guy's Hospital A	10
Sidcup	24	Lloyds Bank	10
London Irish B	14	Dorking A	3
Toc H	10	School of Mines	9
Toc H Ex. B	6	Wasps C	22
Oxo	26	Times	0
Finchley A	0	Barclays Bank A	6
Finchley Ex. B	15	Barclays Bank C	0
Sutton	3	Beckenham	19
Ipswich	11	R.A.F. (Felixstowe)	8
Saracens Ex. A	3	Southern Rly.	6
Saracens C	14	Borough Rd. Coll. A	0
South-West Essex A	9	Wembley A	6
Osterley B	14	Lensbury D	7
Char. Accountants	18	King's College A	8
Wellingborough	0	Old Cholmeleians	3
B.B.C.	12	East London Coll.	9
R.A.F.	0	Napier	0
Hinckley	16	Burton-on-Trent	0
St. Thomas's Hosp.	3	Civil Service	3
P.L.A.	11	Van der Bergh	10
Westcombe Park	13	Sevenoaks	5
Guildford	8	Metropolitan Police	3
Metro. Police A	5	Guildford A	8
Duke of Wel. Rgt. A	3	Guildford Extra A	5
B.T.H. (London)	29	London & Lancs Ins.	3
Westcombe Park	13	Sevenoaks	5
Sevenoaks A	0	Westcombe Park A	9
Westcombe Park B	22	Rosslyn Park B	0
Lazard	8	L.M. and S. Rly.	0
Westminster Bank	10	Nuneaton	13
R.A.F. Coll. (Cran.)	12	R.M.C. (Sandhurst)	8
Leytonstone	22	Southend	6
Southend A	6	Leytonstone A	11
Leytonstone Extra A	23	Southend B	3
H.A.C. A	6	Royal Horse Guards	11
Beckenham A	13	Sutton A	5
H. K. and Shan. Bk.	6	N. P. Bank	13
N. P. Bank A	3	London Scot. Ex. A	19
Worthing	8	Park-House	5
Darenth	16	Warlingham	8
Saracens	22	1st Welch Regt.	4
Artists' Rifles	11	Harpenden	15
University College A	8	Artists' Rifles A	18
Artists' Rifles B	6	Harpenden B	0
Chiltern B	6	Princes Risborough	3
Kingston A	3	Rosslyn Park B	17
St. Mary's College	20	Rosslyn Park B	0
Charlton Park A	16	Chart. Bk. of India A	8
Warlingham A	3	St. Bart's Hospital B	0
Canterbury	7	R.A.F. (Manston)	3
Sun of Canada	6	Affil. Sth. American Banks	6
L.M.S.R. A	12	Sun of Canada A	14
Maidstone	3	Military Coll. of Sc.	6
Maidstone A	24	Gravesend	0
R.E. Training Bat. A	0	Maidstone Ex. A	27
Gravesend A	3	Maidstone B	9

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

O.M. Taylors	6	Rosslyn Pk.	23
Old Paulines	11	Bath	23
L.C.C.	6	Old Alleynians	5
Old Paulines A	3	St. Bart's Hosp. A	17
Old Paulines B	0	Old Rutlishians A	27
Old Paulines C	19	Old Rutlishians B	14
Old Paulines Ex C.	6	Old Haberdashers C	0
Siemens	5	Old Dartfordians	6
Old Dartfordians A	16	Siemens A	0
Old Dartfordians B	5	Siemens B	6
Old Dowegians	60	Law Society A	3
U.C.S. Old Boys	3	Old Millhillians	23
Old Blues A	43	L.R. B	0
Old Blues Ex. B	18	L.R.B. B	0
Gaflac	30	Old Cranleighans III	6
Alliance Assur.	0	Old Wimbledonians	23
Old Elthamians	14	Middlesex Hosp.	11
Old Tiffinians	17	R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	11
Old Tiffinians B	9	Wimbledon A	21
Old Tiffinians C	0	Osterley Ex. A	27
Old Haberdashers	9	Ilford Wandeders	3
Ilford Wand. A	11	Old Haberdashers A.	17
Old Haberdashers B	3	Woodford B	33
Woolwich B.C.	11	Old Elthamians B	20
Woodford B	31	Old Haberdashers B	4
Brittania House	14	Old Croyhians	6
Old Emanuel	3	Old Haileyburians	3
Old Emanuel A	6	Old Haileyburians A	3
Old Emanuel B	33	Old Croydonians A	0
Old Emanuel C	24	Old Croydonians B	14
Old Emanuel Ex. C	29	Old Croydonians C	0
Wasps B	15	Old Reigateians	6
Old Mid-Whitgiftians	14	Coldstream Guards	10
Harrow A	14	Old Westcliffians	0
L.R.B. C	6	Old Blues C	13
Old Birkonians	45	Winnington Park	3
Old Birkonians II.	5	Hightown	25
Old Birkonians III.	23	Hightown II.	0
Grays	3	Old Bancroftians	3
Old Hurst Johnians	13	Old Stortfordians A	9
Guildford B	10	Old Millhillians C	29
Westcombe Pk. Ex. B.	3	O. Alleynians Ex. B.	18
Edgware A	5	Old Dunstonians A	13
Old Redingensians	3	Thames Valley	0
Old Askeans	13	Toc H A	6
Royal Coll. of Science	10	Old Fullerians	27
Old Dunstonians	3	London University	3
Mil. Coll. of Sci. A	8	O. Dunstonians Ex. A	16
Berkshire Wanderers	12	Old Berkhamstedians	3
O. Berkhamstedians A	8	Berkshire Wan'er's A	22
Old Blues B	24	Sch. of Econs. A	10
Westminster Bank A	11	Old Edwardians A	3
Old Leysians	5	O. Alleynians	22
Exeter	3	Old Blues	10
Polytechnic Ex. A	15	O.M.T.s C	5
L.R.B.A.	8	Old Blues Ex. A	9
H.A.C. B	3	Old Whitgiftians B	3
Old Colfeians	14	Standard Telephones	3
Nat. Phys. Lab.	8	Old Mid-Whitgif's A	15
Old Millhillians A	17	Old Leysians A	0
Old Millhillians B	6	Old Haberdashers' B	0
Barnet	21	Old Albanians	0
Old Albanians A	8	Barnet A	22
Old Johnians (Leatherhead)	17	U.C.S. O.B. Ex. A	3
Old Stortfordians A	3	Bantams	12
Streatham	8	K.C.S. Old Boys	18
K.C.S. Old Boys A	13	Streatham A	3
Architectural Assn.	3	Old Brockleians	8
Old Alleynians A	29	London Scottish A	9
Old Bancroftians A	8	Old Citizens	14
Old Citizens A	6	Toc H Extra B	0

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESULTS.

Colfe G.S.	19	Maidstone G.S.	6
Ratcliffe Coll.	5	Mt. St. Mary's Col.	22
Cranleigh School	7	Christ's Hospital	0
Churcher's College	3	Guy's Hospital B	14
Newton College	24	Plymouth College	13
Ampleforth College	27	Giggleswick School	6
King's Sch. Bruton	21	Yeovil A	5
Nautical Col., Pangbourne	8	Marlborough College II.	20
Tiffin School	14	Beaumont College II.	0
Monkton Combe Sch.	15	Old Monktonians	18
King's Sc., Rochester	10	Blackheath B	33
Weymouth College	19	Royal Tank Corps	3
Emanuel School	0	Eltham College	9
Brockley School	5	Old Blues Nomads	38
Felsted School	21	Old Felstedians	17
Douai Schools	9	London Irish A	12
Berkh'ms'd Sch. II.	6	Chiltern A	11
Leys School	11	Old Whitgiftians A	3
Sedbergh School	24	Waterloo A	8
St Bees School	3	Rossall School	13
King's Sch., Canterbury	57	Sutton Valence Sch.	3
I.M.S.S.	3	Woodbridge School	30
Oakham School	17	Trent College	8
Wimbledon College	19	H.M.S. Worcester	3
Caterham School	3	Old Caterhamians	11
Cheltenham College	5	Rugby School	6
St. Edward's School	21	Bromsgrove School	3
Denstone College	6	Wrekin College	6
Portora Royal School	5	Campbell C., Belfast	20
Canford School	6	Ganders	37
Mercht. Taylors' Sch.	6	Queens' Coll., Camb.	13
Bishop's Stortford C.	33	Univ. Coll. Sch.	0
Stonyhurst College	6	Bury	11
Beaumont College	16	Imperial Ser. Coll.	6
Esher Ex. C.	3	Tiffin's School II.	20

RUGBY LEAGUE MATCHES.

Barrow	24	Batley	5
Bramley	5	Wakefield T.	0
Dewsbury	11	H. Kingston R.	13
Featherstone R.	30	Keighley	11
Huddersfield	5	St. Helens	10
Hull	7	Leigh	4
Hunslet	7	Halifax	9
Oldham	49	Bradford N.	16
Rochdale H.	3	Swinton	18
Salford	17	Warrington	7
St. Helens Rec.	17	Wigan Highfield	5
Widnes	6	Castleford	4
Wigan	29	Broughton Rgrs.	3
York	2	Leeds	3

MOTOR MATTERS.

WINTER MOTORING.

PRECAUTIONS NEEDED

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

Few motorists now lay up their cars for the winter months. The high standard of car reliability, and the extreme comfort afforded by modern bodies are the chief causes for this, but another strong reason for the owner using his car all the year round is that winter motoring has charms of its own.

There is no better experience of motoring than a fast run on a crisp winter's morning, when the tyres hiss on the frosty road and the rush of keen air really makes life worth living. Similarly, night driving, and there is a lot of night in winter, can be equally invigorating with the stars standing out hard and clear in the frosty sky, and the head-lamp beams stretching far through the clear atmosphere.

Of course, there are other sides to winter motoring when it is not at all enjoyable, when fog shuts out the landscape, when snow falls, or when storms sweep the countryside, but the good days more than make up for the bad ones. Moreover, the majority of motorists use their cars for business. Here, again, the "weatherproofness" of the car and its reliability persuades its owner to keep it in commission during the winter months. The train may be quicker and more comfortable for long main line journeys, but for cross-country work the car often has many advantages. Many cars, too, run better in the winter than in the warmer months. The oil certainly keeps cooler, and the change in atmosphere seems to agree with most carburetters. The roads are also less crowded, and better time can be made on journeys with equal safety.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

Certain precautions have to be taken, however, to make winter motoring safe and efficient. The most important of these, to secure road adhesion, as surfaces are often treacherous, is that tyres with a bold tread pattern are advisable, with a set of chains kept in reserve. Next comes engine cooling. Where shutters on the radiator are automatically controlled by a thermostat no extra care is necessary, but if the thermostat controls a valve in the water circulation, care will have to be taken that the radiator does not freeze. Radiator muffs on other cars are practically essential for safety and efficiency, and in the case of very frosty weather, glycerine, wood alcohol, or one of the patent fluids should be added to the cooling water.

Spring and chassis lubrication should be attended to, as winter causes more wear than summer, while brake adjustment should be checked, bearing in mind the possibility of skids. Lubricant should be changed to the winter grade, while a change of fuel is sometimes advantageous.

The enjoyment of winter motoring depends chiefly on the bodily comfort of the occupants of the car. If these are kept warm and cosy, little complaint will be heard at the end of a journey. The modern car is very weatherproof, but it sometimes happens that unwanted draughts will find their way into the body much to the discomfort of the occupants. Rugs, footstools and footwarmers add much to the winter motorist's comfort.

MOTOR CYCLE SHOW.

To-morrow the Cycle and Motor-Cycle Exhibition opens at Olympia, and will remain open for the rest of the week. Its most noticeable features are the closer approach of motor-cycle design to that of a car, and the greater efforts which have been made to secure better weather-proofing of the rider.

All types of cycles and motor-cycles are shown, the latter ranging from the inexpensive two-stroke to the luxurious four-cylinder machine, of which there are several examples. The various types of three-wheeled passenger machines are also exhibited, while numerous historical motor-cycles, showing how the industry has progressed through the years, are also on view.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES.

The following are the more important dates for international competitions during 1931:—

January 9-13, Monte Carlo Rally.
April 12, 1,000 miles race (Italy).
May 10, Targo Florio (Sicily).
May 30, Indianapolis 500 miles race (U.S.A.).
June 5-6, Irish Grand Prix.
June 13-14, Le Mans Twenty-four-hour race.
July 11, Shelsley Walsh hill climb.
August 22, R.A.C. Ulster T.T.
October 3, B.R.D.C. 500 miles race at Brooklands.

These are the more important of the international meetings which are likely to appeal to British spectators and competitors. In addition, there will be the usual Bank Holiday meetings of the B.A.R.C. at Brooklands on April 6, May 25, and August 3, and a further meeting on September 12.

CLEANING WIRE WHEELS.

Recently I called attention to the fact that wire wheels are now the most popular type, and advanced as a reason that there were greater facilities for their quick cleaning than before. I have received a letter of woe from a correspondent who finds great difficulty in getting his wheels clean, and asks my advice.

Few motorists clean their own cars nowadays, owing to the increased efficiency of service plants and the correspondingly lower prices, and it was the owner of the car who uses a service station that I had in mind when I referred to the question of cleaning. Yet even the owner who does his own washing now has an easier task. There are special nozzles for the hose which will give at will a fierce jet or a fine spray; there are special brushes made by which every cranny of the wheel can be reached, and, of course, there are always detachable discs, which are the simplest solution of the problem.

Naturally, owners who rely on a bucket and a sponge have not an easy time, but these are in a minority, and the disc is the obvious solution for them.

THE AUSTIN SIX.

Austin products enjoy a reputation for reliability and hard-wearing qualities, and the 1931 models show a distinct advance from the standpoint of "liveliness" and road performance. After using one of the latest Sixteen six-cylinders, I can assure anyone in doubt that it possesses all the acceleration and life which one would expect from an engine of that size. The engine has a capacity of just under three litres and is constructed on robust lines. It is smooth in running and responds instantly to the accelerator. Third gear is very useful for acceleration and hill climbing, yet the engine has an extremely good pull at low speeds. The steering is now as good as it could be, and the brakes have been considerably improved. On a fast car such as this, this change was necessary.

It is in the new bodywork that most changes are to be seen. The car I was using was a "Burnham," which mounted a full five-seater saloon body of the coach-built type, and which cost, complete with an excellent type of sliding roof, the unusually low sum of £345. This figure is particularly notable as the equipment of the car is complete, while in appearance and comfort it challenges comparison with much more expensive cars. Amongst other fittings, I may mention an adjustable arm-rest for the rear seats, folding tables and foot-rests at the back, and a tinted sun visor at the front. With their latest production the Austin makers have manufactured something of which they can be justly proud.

Light lamps (London): 4.51 p.m.

RACING NOTES.

A GOOD WIND-UP TO THE SEASON.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP PROSPECTS.

ALIGHT AND THE DERBY CUP.

By "FAIRWAY."

Mixed racing on any other track than Aintree would not be anything like as popular. There is something particularly fascinating about the whole place, and any horse that gets safely round has nothing to learn of the art of jumping. It was most unfortunate that Tamasha, who beat Drin in the Grand Sefton Steeplechase, should lose the race on an objection, for he put up a most creditable performance. He looked the least likely to win the race as they left the paddock, which merely confirms the old-time expression that they win "all shapes." Apparently he is a gelding that is at his best when carrying a "barrel." I believe he is affectionately called "the brood mare" at the small stable he hails from, and the expression aptly describes his lines. I was very sorry to see him robbed of his victory because he earned it fairly. He was disqualified because he collided with Drin after they landed over the last fence, the sort of thing that frequently happens, because the run in on the flat is not straight. I have no doubt the stewards take this into consideration when they have to consider an objection of this kind, but the rule is quite clear, and any horse that interferes with another must lose the race. There is, however, a full "winter" season ahead for Mr. G. Elliott to exploit the gelding, and what we can be sure of is that he is certain to run him in the National.

Tamasha is quite a character. Incidentally, he began his career on the flat named Buddha. As far back as 1925 he finished third in the Great Metropolitan Stakes. A year later Mr. G. Elliott, who is well known in the North, bought him after he won a small selling hurdle race for 260 guineas. The National winner of last March, Shaun Goilin, was unplaced, for he was by no means up to concert pitch, and was well beaten off on this account. Drin's victory was, therefore, just a matter of luck, and his success made up for the failure of Gib the day previous, when he failed to beat Kakushin, a much-improved horse.

THE AUTUMN CUP.

The most important flat race was, of course, the Autumn Cup, which was won by Hot Bun more easily than she carried off the Duke of York Handicap at Kempton Park. Evidently she was by no means at her best that day, and when she figured in the Cambridgeshire she met with a certain amount of trouble. But since what took place in last Friday's Cup is not likely to serve as a guide to the few important events that are left this season, there is no point in discussing it. The autumn handicaps have so far provided results that have been a little surprising, and with this in our minds there is every reason for taking a wide view when giving a thought to the chances of the candidates for the two remaining popular events, the Derby Cup and the November Handicap at Manchester, which ends the season. The latter is the most popular from a speculative point of view, and as the former can be very instructive, since quite a number of the entrants hold the dual engagement, it may be as well to let the race at Derby pass.

It is said that Stanley House plans with regard to both events is that Servus will run at Derby this week and Richborough will be seen out at Manchester. There is a sporting chance of a successful double, but nothing more. S. H. Darling has, perhaps, better prospects, for apart from Oletta having a good chance on Friday, as well as the much improved Coligny II., his chance of winning the November Handicap is even rosier.

THE DERBY CUP CANDIDATES.

The first glance at the candidates left in the Derby Cup suggests that Le Voleur has the best chance of all, and if it is decided to let him figure in the race instead of being saved for Manchester, there is little doubt he will be the popular selection. But having just lately experienced one or two surprising results, the more cautious are certain to take a broader view and allow for the possibilities of anything winning. There are in fact quite a number in the race that have shown signs of late of much improvement, and the most interesting of them is Alight, a four-year-old colt that Watson trains for Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, that is 2 st. below the top weight. In a recent outing Alight ran well against Prince Paradise and confirmed the good impression formed about him when he won the Liverpool Spring Cup. The fact that he has had a more or less idle year is much in his favour, and what is probably more important he is the right handy stamp of colt for the course. Stockcross is another that interests me. He has only to strike his best form of last season to be very dangerous in whichever race he is exploited. He also is near the foot of the handicaps.

A close examination reveals several others possessed of bright chances, apart from the obvious, but there is not one that appeals to me more at the weights that Alight. Although S. H. Darling has left no fewer than four in Manchester's popular event, I have little doubt that we shall find on the day, even if not earlier, that the French filly, Tea Party II., is thought the best. Apart from the fact that she won very stylishly at Newmarket, she has, I believe, been going best of all at her work, and when it is remembered the many nice horses that this trainer has, this says much in her favour. There is, however, a further acceptance stage to-morrow week, when it is reasonable to expect that the plans of most trainers will be laid bare. At the moment, there are about forty engaged.

There are bright features staged this week under both rules, the jumping side of the entertainment including a couple of days at the week-end at that most delightful spot Chepstow, which is becoming more popular every meeting.

I append a few fancies:—

LEICESTER.—Monday.
Oadby Nursery.—MONZIE.
Atherstone Handicap.—OCEAN WIDE.
Quorndon Handicap.—PENTILLA.

LEICESTER.—Tuesday.
Clock Tower Handicap.—SEA HUSSAR.
Harborough Handicap.—VERNELLA.
Leicestershire Handicap.—PARADINE.

DERBY.—Wednesday.
Breadsall Plate.—LAND O' BURNS.
Chesterfield Nursery.—S.O.S.
Markeaton Plate.—QUININE.
Rangemore Plate.—CROWN ROYAL.

DERBY.—Thursday.
Chatsworth Plate.—ANN BRIDGET.
Osmaston Nursery.—ESCOLTA REAL.

DERBY.—Friday.
Friary Nursery.—GREENLAND.
Derby Cup.—ALIGHT.

HURST PARK.—Saturday.
Sheen Plate.—GANG WARILY.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Friary Nursery, Derby: Clever Eyes. Cheltenham engagements: Theology. Hurst Park Two-Year-Old Stakes: Thyestes, Portlaw. Mitre Selling, Hurst Park, Dunchurch Selling, Warwick: Strathray. Oadby Nursery, Leicester: Lis. Atherstone Handicap, Leicester: Knud. Clock Tower Selling Handicap, Leicester: Thorburn. Quarndon Maiden Plate, Derby: Valiant.

OVER £45,000 WON BY PHAR LAP.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Phar Lap, the Australian racehorse, who has in the last few days carried off the Melbourne Cup and the Linlithgow Stakes, achieved his tenth successive victory in winning the C. B. Fisher Plate to-day. He thus adds another £1,000 to the stakes won, which has reached a total of over £45,000. There were only three starters for to-day's event, and so great was the demand for Phar Lap that the bookmakers declined to bet.—Ex. Tel. Spec.

Yesterday's Racing.

PEACOCK'S DOUBLE AT LIVERPOOL.

GROSVENOR CUP WON BY HERONSLEA.

A CLOSE FINISH.

From OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

AINTREE, Saturday.

Peacock pulled off a very useful double here to-day. His first success was with Heronslea in the Grosvenor Cup. Though badly drawn, the colt soon got up to Burgee, Eirene, and Miss Linn, and he took the lead a quarter of a mile from the finish. He seemed to be winning very easily till Barrack Law came with a strong challenge, which the Middleham colt withstood by a head. The favourite, Soloptic, fell away after being second to Burgee on reaching the straight.

Peacock's second success was in the Autumn Foal Stakes, in which Gallini made all the running and won in a canter by three lengths. Ojala was well beaten before half-way, and Witticism never showed up, leaving Turbine and Buland Bibi to take the places.

Residue led off by winning the November Handicap Hurdle from Castlederg and White Flag, the three rising at the last hurdle almost in line. Residue showed much the best speed on the flat and won comfortably.

In the Valentine Chase Georginatown won easily after Easy Virtue and K.C.B. had made the running alternately till two fences from the finish.

Lord Derby had his first success at the meeting when Cap-a-Pie won the Ormerod Plate after a good race with Markington. Details:—

1.20.—NOVEMBER H'CAP HDLE. (£400) (2m. 1f.).
Residue (Mr. Warner), ch g by Rochester—Resna 6yrs, 11st-11 .... (Pellerin) 1
Castlederg (Mrs. Whitelaw), br g My Prince — Cymorette, 9yrs., 12st-3 (Mr. Thackray) 2
White Flag (Mrs. Mundy), ch g by Grey Fox II.—Give In, 7yrs, 12st-3 ...(Morgan) 3

Also ran: Syrian, Knight Bachelor, Lagonda, Black Minstrel, Clydesdale, Mistletoi, The Brown Talisman, Prince Cherry, Contraband. (Winner trained by Anthony.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—3 to 1 agst RESIDUE, 9 to 2 Castlederg, 7 to 1 Knight Bachelor, 8 to 1 White Flag, Clydesdale, Mistletoi, Black Minstrel, 20 to 1 others. 3l, head.

Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 11s. 9d.; places, 3s. 6d., 4s. 9d., 7s. 3d.; win pool, 5,245; place pool, 2,889.

1.50.—VALENTINE (A. RIDERS) CHASE (£300) (2¾m.).
Georginatown (Mr. Wallace), b m by Kroonstad—Georgina Mac, 9yrs., 11st-13 (Mr. Whitfield) 1
Easy Virtue (Mr. Tyser), br g by Don Juan—Rusialka, 7yrs., 12st-7...(Mr. Thackray) 2
K.C.B. (Mr. Smith), b g by White Knight—Rill, 8 yrs., 12st-3 ....(Mr. Poole) 3

Also ran: Derrygrath, Camperdown, Rathvale. (Winner trained in Ireland.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—5 to 2 agst GEORGINATOWN, 11 to 4 K.C.B., 7 to 2 Easy Virtue, 11 to 2 Rathvale, 10 to 1 others. 8l., 10l.

Tote.—Win, 5s. 9d.; places 3s. 9d., 5s. 3d.; win pool, 4,038; place pool, 1,977.

2.20.—GROSVENOR CUP (£1,000) (1m.).
Heronslea (Mr. Smith), ch c Bachelor's Double—Dinah, 3yrs, 8st-2 .... (Nevett) 1
Barrack Law (Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen), br f Son-in-Law—Sundrilla, 4yrs, 8st...(S. Wragg) 2
Miss Linn (Mr. Cazalet), ch f Gainsborough—Willonette, 4yrs, 7st-7 ....(Baines) 3

Also ran: Le Phare, Lucky Tor, Caballero, Roi des Enfers, Soloptic, Six Wheeler, Burgee, Eirene, Great Scot, Lord Marcus, Autumn Tints. (Winner trained by Peacock.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—100 to 30 agst Soloptic, 6 to 1 HERONSLEA, 7 to 1 Lucky Tor, 8 to 1 Great Scot, 10 to 1 Eirene, 100 to 9 Burgee, 100 to 8 Barrack Law, Caballero, 100 to 7 Miss Linn, Autumn Tints, 100 to 6 Le Phare, 20 to 1 others. Head, 3l.

Tote.—Win, 18s. 6d.; places, 5s. 6d., 14s., 19s. 9d.; win pool, 9,808; place pool, 5,778.

2.50.—ALT (S.) NURSERY H'CAP (£200) (5f.).
Telavera filly (Capt. Fielden), by Scherzo, 7st-8 .... (S. Wragg) 1
Gallando (Mr. Downing), br f by Knockando—Gallinula, 8st-4 .... (Tidey) 2
Maraquita gelding (Mr. Ardern), by Ethnarch, 7st-9 .... (Baines) 3

Also ran: The Limpet, Cornstack, Princess Ena filly, Bojo, Tracing, Saxe filly, Cool Caress colt, Pedulas filly. (Winner trained by Bell.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—13 to 8 agst Gallando, 7 to 2 Pedulas filly, 7 to 1 Princess Ena filly, Bojo, 10 to 1 Cornstack, 100 to 8 Maraquita gelding, 100 to 6 TELAVERA FILLY, 20 to 1 others. ½l., head.

Tote.—Win, 35s. 3d.; places, 14s. 3d., 4s. 3d., 5s. 6d.; win pool, 8,908; place pool, 4,905.

3.20.—AUTUMN FOAL STAKES (£300) (5f.).
Gallini (Sir E. Hanmer), b c by Spion-Kop—Chicken Pie 8st-10 .... (Taylor) 1
Turbine (Duchess of Westminster), b f by Twelve-Pointer—Vibration, 8st-13 (Carslake) 2
Buland Bibi (H.H. Aga Khan), bl f by Blandford—Saffran, 8st .... (Beary) 3

Also ran: Charlwood, Ojala, Witticism, Mink, Vain Dream filly. (Winner trained by Peacock.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—4 to 1 agst Buland Bibi, 9 to 2 Ojala, Witticism, 6 to 1 Charlwood, 7 to 1 Turbine, 9 to 1 GALLINI, 100 to 8 Mink, 20 to 1 Vain Dream filly. 3l., same

Tote.—Win, 16s.; places, 7s., 4s. 9d., 4s.; win pool, 7,742; place pool, 4,766.

3.45.—ORMEROD PLATE (£150) (1m 7f.).
Cap-a-Pie (Ld. Derby), b g Gay Crusader—Trestle, 6yrs, 9st-1 ....(Weston) 1
Markington (Maj. Robinson), b g Marcus—Mrs. Partington, 5yrs, 9st-1 ...(H. Beasley) 2
Auction Pool (Mr. Brendon), b g Baal-Gad—Auctioneering, 5yrs, 9st-1 ...... (S. Wragg) 3

Also ran: Buchanita, Mostelle. (Winner trained by Butters.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—15 to 8 on CAP-A-PIE, 4 to 1 agst Markington, 5 to 1 Auction Pool, 100 to 6 others. 1½l, same.

Tote.—Win, 4s.; places, 2s. 6d., 2s. 9d.; win pool, 5,007; place pool, 2,262.

Total Investments.—Win, £4,074 18s.; place, £2,257 14s.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Heronslea and Gallini.—Dividend, £43 17s. Pool, £1,023 10s. 21 winning tickets.

WINDSOR.

1.30.—THAMES H'CAP (£200) (3-Y.-O.) (5f.).
Rent (Mr. Lund), ch f by Vencedor—Strive, 7st-10 .... (Fox) 1
Mary Mac (Mr. Schlesinger), b f by Argosy—Sandlemac, 7st-9 .... (R. Smyth) †
Golden Legend (Mr. Allen), b g by Argosy—Personify, 8st-2 .... (H. Wragg) †

Also ran: Tel-Asur, Happy Chink, Brabant, Corn Cracker, Priamus, Golden Earl, Soldier's Fare, Tetrafoil, Gunga Din, Sunny Polly, Lady All Alone, Lights of Westminster. (Winner trained by Beedle.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—3 to 1 agst Tel-Asur, 4 to 1 RENT, 7 to 1 Golden Legend, Mary Mac, 8 to 1 Golden Earl, Lights of Westminster, 10 to 1 Corn Cracker, 100 to 8 Soldier's Fare, 20 to 1 others. Head, † dead-heat.

Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 9s.; places, 3s., 5s. Golden Legend 3s. 9d. Mary Mac; win pool, 9,629; place pool, 6,621

2.0.—FOREST (S.) NURSERY (£200) (5f.).
Gladly (Mr. Clayton), b f by Knockando—Carlinetta, 8st ....(H. Wragg) 1
Norman Abbess (Mr. Gemmell), br f by Abbots Trace—Monchy, 6st-11 ......(Smith) 2
Bay Bess (Mr. Raddick), b f by Golden Boss—Nirvana, 7st-10 ....(A. Wragg) 3

Also ran Queen of Mars, Tingaling, Smolensk filly, Golden Shower, Karelia filly, Anvil, Louvastra, Homeric gelding, Orangelle, Virgin's Tangle, Alfresco, Momette colt, Levanon, Royal Delight, Flying Laurette, Silver Song, Sun Pet, Vica, Margaret of Richings, Irish Chaser, Prince Charming, Charming Tune, Copra, Dazzle filly. (Winner trained by J. Cannon.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—7 to 1 agst Copra, 8 to 1 Golden Shower, Charming Tune, Virgin's Tangle, 10 to 1 Homeric gelding, Bay Bess, Royal Delight, 100 to 8 Orangelle, Prince Charming, Norman Abbess, 100 to 7 Levanon, 20 to 1 GLADLY, 33 to 1 others. Head, same.

Tote.—Win, 114s. 6d.; places, 39s. 3d., 11s. 9d., 39s. 3d.; win pool, 8,111; place pool, 5,773.

2.30.—GLAMIS H'CAP PLATE (£600) (1½m.).
Flange (Ld. Hillingdon), b g, Flamboyant—Ballycumber, 4yrs, 7st-7 .... (Dines) 1
Story Teller (Mrs. Harmsworth), gr f, Golden Myth—False Friend, 4yrs, 7st-11 (Lane) 2
Coster Boy (Mr. Singer), b h, Son-in-Law—Market Girl, 5yrs, 7st-12 .... (Fox) 3

Also ran: Buoyant Bachelor, Tours, Burnside, South Hill. (Winner trained by Boyd-Rochfort.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst Coster Boy, 5 to 2 Story Teller, 6 to 1 Burnside, 13 to 2 FLANGE, 10 to 1 Buoyant Bachelor, Tours, 20 to 1 South Hill. ½l., 2l

Tote.—Win, 18s. 3d.; places, 7s. 3d., 4s. 9d.; win pool, 8,319; place pool, 4,370.

3.0.—ETON (S.) WELTER H'CAP (£150) (6f.).
Cretan Lassie (Mr. Ivall), b m Tantallon—Polycreta, 6yrs, 7st-4 ....(Barber) 1
Filibuster (Mr. Bullen), ch g Irishman—Red Bud, 4yrs, 7st-4 .... (Gethin) 2
Widgeon (Mr. Coldbeck), br g Arch Gift—Earlduck 4yrs, 7st-8 ....(Fox) 3

Also ran: Hit the Deck, Blue Crag, Sheerness, Cragford, Radio Rag, Darian, Marden, Hope, Red Veneer, Probus, Manto, Arrival, Despencer, Yukon, Dionys, Irish Caress. (Winner trained by Dick.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—100 to 30 agst Filibuster, 9 to 2 Widgeon, 7 to 1 Hit the Deck, Dionys, 8 to 1 CRETAN LASSIE, 10 to 1 Cragford, Despencer, 20 to 1 others. 3l., 2l.

Tote.—Win, 21s. 9d.; places, 4s. 9d., 3s. 6d., 3s.; win pool, 9,375; place pool, 6,663.

3.30.—COLLEGE NURSERY H'CAP (£400) (6f.).
Scattercash (Sir H. FitzHerbert), b c, Greenback—Trend, 8st-4 ....(P. Beasley) 1
Saskatoon (Maj. Bonsor), b f, Junior—Magical Music, 7st-10......................(Fox) 2
Apple Ring (Lady M. FitzGerald), b f, Pommern—Blue Fairy, 7st-8...............(Dines) 3

Also ran: Venusia, Bruera colt, Wenceslas, Flori gelding, Mountain Apple, Duffield, Millstone, Ye Olde Leather Bottel, Lady Carol, Chivalresque, The Parson II., Ain't She Sweet, Savoia, Jerboa. (Winner trained by Clement.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst Bruera colt, 4 to 1 Saskatoon, 8 to 1 Flori gelding, SCATTERCASH, 10 to 1 Venusia, Chivalresque, 100 to 7 Ye Olde Leather Bottel, 20 to 1 others. 3l., 1l.

Tote.—Win, 51s. 6d.; places, 13s. 6d., 5s., 12s. 3d.; win pool, 11,239; place pool, 7,549.

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M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WESTERN PROVINCE COLLAPSE TO TATE.

HOME TOTAL PASSED.

NEWLANDS, CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

The meeting of the M.C.C. and Western Province, in what is virtually the opening fixture of the tour, showed South African cricket in anything but a favourable light. Batting first on a good turf wicket, which had been carefully nursed for the occasion for months past, Western Province lost their first three wickets for 5 runs and half the side was out for 38. They were eventually disposed of in less than 2½ hours for 113.

Tate, using the new ball to swing in from both sides, was very difficult to play, and took five for 18. Chapman kept him almost continually employed, but at the other end he used Voce, Peebles, and Leyland to give the attack variety. Tate's first six overs yielded two wickets for 6 runs.

In Coen and Nourse Western Province could see the chance of a recovery, but Tate soon dispelled any hopes of this by getting Coen lbw at 5 with another swinger on the leg stump.

Cameron and Myles, a 19-year-old colt, gained the luncheon respite safely, the total being 37 for four.

After lunch, the fifth ball of Leyland's first over broke the best partnership of the innings, Cameron pulling a full toss hard to Hammond at forward short leg. Myles was batting steadily, but Morgan gave him no assistance, as at 39, in Tate's first over after lunch, Morgan, playing back at a lively off-break, was well bowled. Tate bowled Allin for a "duck" at the same total, but Goulden, in the next over, hit Leyland over the on-side ropes for 6.

Plucky Batting by Myles.

Chapman was relentless in his efforts to dislodge Myles, but the youth stood the test gallantly. He played a straight bat to the pitch of the ball whenever possible and scored off anything off the wicket. He took a strong liking to Peebles' slows, and collected 10 in one over. He was loudly applauded when the 100 went up after two hours and five minutes' play, but at 105 Hammond tempted him forward and had him smartly stumped by Duckworth for 35. Myles, who hit two 4's, batted soundly for eighty-five minutes. He received a great ovation from the crowd. He gave a very difficult chance to Hendren at mid-off off Peebles when he was 31.

Conyngham, a former South African Test player, who had backed up Myles's efforts with a spirited 15, was joined by Alan Bell, the Springbok bowler, for the last wicket. Tate, however, saw to it that the close of the innings was not long delayed. At 113 he sent up a slow, well-flighted ball which enticed Conyngham out too far, and Duckworth pounced on it and swept off the bails brilliantly.

Western Province were all out at twenty minutes past three, the innings having lasted less than two and a-half hours. Tate bowled 12.3 overs, four of which were maidens, and took five wickets for 18 runs.

The M.C.C. began batting at 3.30 with Sandham and Wyatt.

The batsmen were never afraid to go out to the bowling, and the attendance, which had increased to 6,000, cheered when an hour's batting produced 68 runs. Sandham's late cutting was a feature, and Wyatt, who seems to have struck his very best form, timed his leg-side shots very well indeed.

Playing splendid cricket, Sandham reached 50 in eighty-five minutes, while the opening stand realised 100 five minutes later. On Wyatt reaching his 50 he was, like his partner, generously applauded. The Surrey professional was the first to leave, being caught off Coen for 72. Hammond followed, and with Wyatt played out time, carrying the score to 153 for one wicket, Wyatt's share being 70. Present score:

WESTERN PROVINCE.—First Innings.	
F. Martin, b Voce	2
S. K. Coen lbw, b Tate	2
A. Palm, b Tate	1
A. D. Nourse, b Peebles	8
H. B. Cameron, c Hammond, b Leyland	14
L. E. Myles, st Duckworth, b Hammond	35
H. Morgan, b Tate	0
C. R. Allin, b Tate	0
I. Goulden, b Voce	19
D. Y. Conyngham, c Duckworth, b Tate	19
A. J. Bell, not out	1
Extras	12
Total	113

M.C.C.—First Innings.	
Sandham, c Conyngham, b Coen	72
R. E. S. Wyatt, not out	70
Hammond, not out	9
Extras	2
Total (1 wkt.)	153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTERN PROVINCE.—First Innings: Tate 5 for 18, Voce 2 for 18, Peebles 1 for 40, Leyland 1 for 12, Hammond 1 for 13.

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AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

CENTURIES BY BRADMAN AND KIPPAX.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

Centuries by Bradman and Kippax were the features of the second Sheffield Shield match of the season between New South Wales and South Australia, which began here yesterday. In spite of scoring only 228 in their first innings, New South Wales are to-day in a very strong position, being 421 runs on with five wickets in hand. South Australia, who lost five for 74 yesterday, were all out to-day for 124, and then New South Wales scored 317 for five wickets. Hooker was the cause of South Australia's poor score, taking five for 28. New South Wales lost their opening batsmen for 9, but Bradman and Kippax flogged the bowling, weakened by the absence of Grimmett and Wall, and hit up 219 runs in 137 minutes for the third wicket.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—228 and 317 for 5 wkts. (Bradman 121, Kippax 104).
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—124 (Hooker 5 wkts. for 28).

CENTURY BY HOBBS.

BENARES, Saturday.

Vijianagram beat Allahabad by ten wickets at Benares to-day. Hobbs scored 100 not out and Sutcliffe made 93. Scores: Vijianagram, 225 for one wicket; Allahabad, 172.—Reuter's Special.

Continued from preceding column.

4.0.—ATHENS MAIDEN STAKES (£200) (1¼m.).
Salmon Leap (Mrs. James), b c by Salmon Trout—Stony Ford, 3yrs, 8st-11 (Perryman) 1
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CHELMSFORD.

1.15.—BILLERICAY (S.) H'CAP HDLE. (£100).—**Nursemaid** (2 to 1 agst, Mr. Langlands), 1; Yuarite (5 to 1, Mr. Mount), 2; Lavande (8 to 1, Nicholson), 3. 11 ran. (Winner trained by Langlands.) 2l., neck.

Tote (2s. stake).—Win 5s., places 4s., 3s. 9d., 6s. 3d. win pool, 999; place pool, 750.

1.45.—WITHAM HURDLE (£100) (2m.).—**Yale Blue** (3 to 1 agst, Pringle), 1; Velvetex (10 to 1, Haley), 2; Planaphone (11 to 2, Griffith), 3. 13 ran. (Winner trained by H. Leader.) ½l., 4l.

Tote.—Win, 15s. 6d; places, 3s. 6d., 28s. 3d., 2s. 6d. win pool, 904; place pool, 627.

2.15.—SPRINGFIELD OPTIONAL (S.) H'DLE (£100) (1½m.).—**Donation** (3 to 1 agst, Feakes), 1; Mutual Benefit (6 to 4, Leader), 2; Japonesa (7 to 2, Hardy), 3. 7 ran. (Winner trained by Thrale.) ½l., 4l.

Tote.—Win, 11s. 3d; places, 2s. 9d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 9d.; win pool, 1,012; place pool, 631.

2.45.—ROXWELL (S.) H'CAP CHASE (£100 (2m.)—**Wood Owl** (4 to 1 agst., Feakes), 1; Golden Rebel (2 to 1, Leader) 2; Solomon's Choice (7 to 2, Prendergast), 3. 7 ran. (Winner trained by Thrale.) 8l., 12l.

Tote.—Win, 10s. 6d.; places, 4s. 6d., 4s. 6d.; win pool, 1,226; place pool, 560.

3.15.—MALDON H'CAP CHASE (£100) (3m.).—**Tower Hill** (7 to 1 agst., Parvin), 1; Pride of the Morning (2 to 1, Brookes), 2; Maison Druce (5 to 1, Redmond), 3. 5 ran. (Winner trained by Pendarves.) 8l., 10l.

Tote.—Win, 12s. 9d.; places, 4s. 6d., 3s. 3d.; win pool 1,281; place pool, 450.

3.45.—DIRECTORS' CHASE (£100) (2m.).—**Eastward Bound** (evens, Sir P. Lawson), 1; Felcourt (7 to 4 agst, Mr. Sclater), 2; Signet (8 to 1, Redmond), 3. 4 ran. (Winner trained by Gosden). 15l., bad.

Tote.—Win, 2s. 9d.; win pool, 1,601

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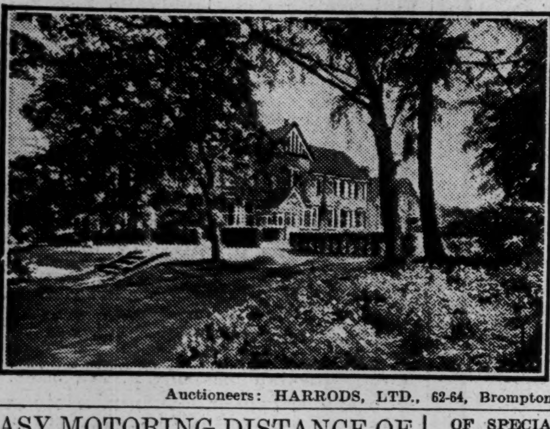

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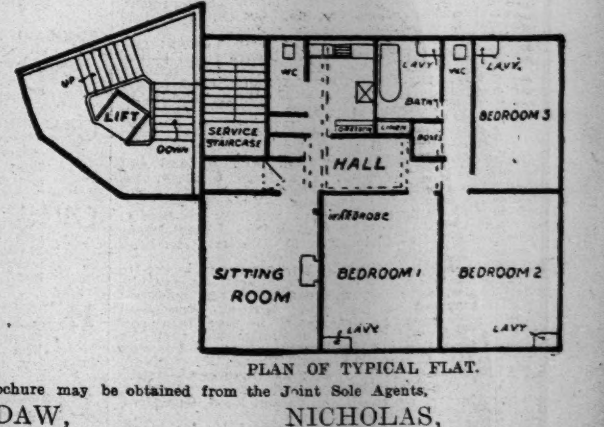

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